



Yank Rest Camp 'Hotel' Named For Sgt. Kelly

SIXTH ARMY GROUP, FRANCE.—Men of the 36th "Texas" Division, observing a day-long rest period behind the U. S. 7th Army front—the first break in 135 consecutive days of combat—have not forgotten their former doughboy buddy, Tech Sgt. Charles (Commando) Kelly of Pittsburgh, Pa., who is serving now in the Academic Regiment, The Infantry School.

While most of the division is fighting on the Western Front, small groups of men are granted short leave to go to a rest camp. The Medal of Honor winner is honored by the naming of the main building, "Kelly Hotel," one of five making up the division's little rest camp city. His old hat, companions sit down in "Kelly Hotel's" neat dining rooms to be served delicious meals in a style that closely resembles home. Here they lounge in the American Red Cross "Corral" room, reading, writing letters, and holding bull sessions.

Kelly was on furlough as The Bayonet went to press, and consequently could not be reached for comment.

Four other hotels are named after men who followed Sgt. Kelly in receiving the nation's highest award, "Logan Hotel" for Tech. Sgt. James Logan of Luling, Texas; "Crawford Hotel," Pvt. William Crawford of Chicago, Ill.; "Bjorklund Hotel," 1st Lt. Arnold Bjorklund of Seattle, Wash.; and "Wise Hotel," Tech. Sgt. Homer Wise of Baton Rouge, La. All are now returned to the States with the exception of Pvt. Crawford, a prisoner of war in Germany. Some are stationed in Georgia with their former division commander, Maj. Gen. Fred L. Walker, commandant of The Infantry School.

Various combat men attending the rest camp expressed their admiration for this division hero.

"I served in the same battalion as Kelly in Italy," said Sgt. William R. Trimpe of Covington, Ky., "and I know how good a fighter he was. I read somewhere that he contributed \$500 to some charity in the States. It's that sort of man that should be honored in this way by his old buddies."

"I know that Kelly received a lot of publicity in the States," said Sgt. Joseph S. Balsamo of Bloomfield, N. J., who serves in Sgt. Kelly's former regiment. "But probably he would prize something like the naming of the 'Kelly Hotel' more, coming from his old division and buddies."

Pvt. Milledan Ramsey of Nash-

Midnight Musical Encores Saturday at Main Theater



HELENE WITTLIN
... Musical Midnights

"Music at Midnight," Fort Benning's own original musical creation tracing the history of popular music from its humble birth to the present, will give an engagement by popular request on Saturday night at the Main Theater at 11:30 p. m.

The show was given originally on the last Saturday in January for the benefit of the March of Dimes and proved a spectacular success, playing to almost a capacity house.

After reports of the show's appeal had circulated around the post, the laments from those who had missed it were so great that post services, sponsor of the hour-long novelty revue, decided on a repeat performance, again as a night w/ special for Saturday night stayer-upper.

There will be no admission charge, and the doors will be opened for "Music at Midnight" just as soon as the final movie is over at approximately 11:15 p. m.

The entire company of the original production will once again be on hand, including the 334th ASF Band, under the direction of Tech. Sgt. Alton Davenport, and

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ASF Installations To Be Consolidated As A Single SCU

The consolidation of Army Service Forces installations at Fort Benning into one numbered Service Command Unit is in the office as a result of a recent ASF directive according to Lieut. Col. J. D. Rosenberg, Jr., the Post Adjutant.

At the present time, in addition to the numbered units under the control of SCU 1447, there are other numbered installations such as the Prisoner of War Camp Reception Center, Bakers and Cooks School, Special Training Unit at the Reception Center, as well as the Armed Forces Induction Station. All of the above units will be separate detachments of SCU 1447.

Post Headquarters expects further information from higher authority relative to the change in status of the organizations at the post.

Col. Johnston 2d Army Exec

Lieutenant Colonel Edward G. Johnston has been appointed executive officer for Fourth Headquarters, Special Troops, Second Army, succeeding Lt. Col. Francis M. Rich who recently assumed command.

Colonel Johnston comes to the post from Headquarters, Special Troops, Second Army, at Fort Jackson, S. C., where he was executive officer. Colonel Johnston was a member of the National Guard, and entered active duty in February, 1941.

A native of Mount Vernon, Ill., Colonel Johnston attended Illinois College at Jacksonville, Ill., for three years, and then accepted a position with the Postal Department of the United States government, serving for nine years as Postal Service and Bonds Director of the postoffice at Mount Vernon. During the first World War Colonel Johnston was enlisted.

TIS STB Completely Reorganized

Organization of the School Troops, The Infantry School, to replace the School Troops Brigade, was made known this week by Maj. Gen. Fred L. Walker, commandant of The Infantry School.

The new organization will be composed of six major detachments and serve as demonstration units. Brig. Gen. William G. Walker, former head of the School Troops Brigade, has been named commanding general of the new unit.

Headquarters has been moved from the School to the center formerly occupied by the 3d Infantry Regiment. The 3d Infantry, formerly attached to the School Troops Brigade, has been moved to the Sand Hill area. No announcement has been made as to what disposition will be made of the other organizations formerly assigned to the School Troops Brigade.

6 DETACHMENTS
The following regular table of organization unit, there will be six detachments: a Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment; Infantry Training (Detachment) No. 1; Infantry Training (Detachment) No. 2; Motor Pool Detachment; Range Detachment; and Medical Detachment.

Infantry Detachment Number 1 will be comprised of a Head-

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Taxi Regulations, Maximum Fare Schedule Set Up

Maximum rate schedules for Columbus taxicab service to and from within the Fort Benning reservation have been announced by Capt. Ralph P. Rudnick, post bus and taxicab transportation officer.

Effective next Monday, February 12, all taxicabs from the city to the military reservation will be required to be licensed by the Provost Marshal and drivers will be required to display a certificate containing rates of fare and driver identification.

Overcharge of military or civilian personnel of the published rates of fare will result in the revocation of licenses and the exclusion of the taxi drivers who violate the regulations from the post.

road or bus stations and have baggage in their possession; to persons accompanied by children; to female Fort Benning personnel, and to female relatives of Fort Benning personnel.

Approved Post Taxi Fares

	8 AM to 5 PM	5 PM to 8 AM
Between MAIN POST & COLUMBUS	\$2.00	\$2.00
Between HARMONY CHURCH & COLUMBUS	2.50	3.00
Between SAND HILL & COLUMBUS	2.00	3.00
Between LAWSON FIELD & COLUMBUS	2.50	3.50
Between FRYING PAN AREA & COLUMBUS	2.50	3.50
Between ALABAMA AREA & COLUMBUS	3.50	5.00
Between MAIN POST & HARMONY CHURCH	1.50	1.50
Between MAIN POST & ALABAMA AREA	2.00	2.00
Between MAIN POST & SAND HILL	1.00	1.00
Between FORT BENNING AND MUSCOGEE COUNTY AIRPORT	1.00	1.00

add \$1.25 to above listed rates of fare.

Two rates of fare have been devised, one for the 12 hours from 8 a. m. to 8 p. m. (EWT) with an extra dollar allowed for trips to sections of the post, to and from Columbus, for the 12 night hours.

As an example, the cost of a taxi from Columbus to the Main Post or to Sand Hill is set at two dollars during the day and three dollars after 8 p. m.

When two or more passengers are carried, the fares will be prorated, but no more than five passengers will be carried at one time.

When a passenger's baggage takes up passenger space, a prorated charge may be made for space thus occupied, but in no case will the total charge be in excess of the listed rates of fare, Capt. Rudnick pointed out.

To provide essential service, it is desired that the use of taxicabs be limited to persons on duty, leave, furlough or under orders; to persons going to airports, rail-

road or bus stations and have baggage in their possession; to persons accompanied by children; to female Fort Benning personnel, and to female relatives of Fort Benning personnel.

Telephone numbers for the area post offices are: No. 1, Main Post, 2273; No. 4, Harmony Church and Sand Hill, 7251; and No. 9, Alabama Area, 2991.

Upon discharging passengers, taxicabs will leave the reservation (unless directed by MPs to stop at a designated address for passengers) by the most direct route, but may pick up passengers along the direct route except within 200 yards of a bus station. The taxicabs will not be permitted to cruise on the post.

Gen. Marshall's Portrait Presented Infantry School

A portrait of General of the Army George C. Marshall, presented to the War Department by 35 leaders of American industry, was accepted here today on behalf of Secretary of The Infantry School. The portrait was unveiled in a ceremony in the hall of The Infantry School, where it will hang opposite a portrait of Brig. Gen. Henry L. Benning, Confederate general for whom Fort Benning was named.

The portrait, painted in oils by Bernard Godwin, of New York, was presented on behalf of the industrialists, all of whose plants have manufactured the supplies necessary to carry on warfare, by William P. Withrow, president, Blaw-Knox company, of Pittsburgh. In his absence, his presentation statement was read by Brig. Gen. George H. Worms, As-

sistant Commandant of The Infantry School. "Unfavorable weather prevented Mr. Withrow and a committee of four other industrialists from attending. "We consider it a high honor to recognize the genius and ability of an outstanding military leader," Mr. Withrow's statement said. See GEN., Page 7

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Be My Valentine?



THIS IS CORP. ELSIE
... blue-eyed brownette

THIS IS PFC. MARY
... blue-eyed blonde

Blind Daters Named For Valentine Party

The twelve luckiest soldiers at Fort Benning were selected this week to participate in the gala Valentine's Day "Blind Date Party" that will take place next Wednesday, February 14. For the next few days at least, these lucky twelve will be the envy of their mates in the barracks, at least the rest of the bachelor mates. And by next Thursday at this time, it is quite conceivable that the "lucky twelve" will be wistfully declaring "This ain't the Army, Mr. Jones."

It will all come about this way in a novel, stunt being co-sponsored by the Bayonet and the post special services office. Next Wednesday night, these twelve soldiers who have been chosen by lot from their various outfits, will assemble in Service Club No. 1 for a blind date program at 8 o'clock.

There, each and every one will be "lined up" with a luscious date for the entire evening. There will be just twelve girls, all carefully selected for their beauty and appeal. Eight of them are civilian workers at the post and four will be drawn from local WAC Detachments. All will be unmarried.

TIS Announces Officer Arrivals

The Secretary's Office of The Infantry School has announced the following changes in officer personnel:

Additional to the faculty include: Lt. Col. Lester H. Galloghly in the Tactical Section; Maj. John O. Holt and Russell B. Wright, Capt. Jules C. Brazil, Sam R. Fairchild and Orval D. Logan in the Weapons Section; Maj. Jesse M. Charlton, Jr., in the General Section; and 1st Lt. W. A. Davis and 2d Lt. Howard E. Schneider, Lester J. Monnot, Bernard J. Monks and Felix M. Mack in the secretary's office.

Officers leaving the school for other assignments are: Col. Joseph C. Addington, Farlow Burt, Norman M. Nelson and Hardin C. Sweeney, Lt. Col. Ward Stammerley and John F. Reed, Maj. Robert E. Cullis and Cleatus B. Drake, Capt. Robert R. Buck, Thomas C. Gately, Albert R. Morris, Walter L. Shealy, Cecil G. Aaga, John I. Hook, Eugene D. Martin and James H. Crawford from Headquarters;

Maj. Lee E. James and Capt. Curtis H. Bennett, Charles C. Gray, Bruce P. Harris, Jr., Chester T. Kaczmarek, Barry H. Mitchell, Holland P. Norton, Lowell H. Tash and Ralph T. Norvell from the Weapons Section; Maj. Em-

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TIS Staffs Overseas OC School

A skeleton staff of officers and enlisted personnel, formerly assigned to The Infantry School, are now on duty at a newly organized Officer Candidate School in the European Theater of Operations. The exact location of the school has been withheld for security reasons.

Lieut. Gen. Ben Lear, who recently announced the opening of the school, said the purpose was to produce several hundred new junior officers every eight or nine weeks. The training course will be about half the length of the course here because most of the candidates will already have had combat service.

General Lear, newly named deputy commander of the American forces under Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, revealed several hundred thousand additional riflemen are being trained in the United States on the continent of Europe, and in addition, several thousands of general service soldiers have been released from static duty in the United Kingdom for retraining as infantry. It is hoped to increase the number of general service men released for front line duty not only by turning over jobs in service units to limited assignment soldiers but also by employing an increased number of civilians, he said.

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Phone Directory's Size Shows Post's Growth

Growth of Fort Benning since its inception as "Camp Benning" in 1918 is well portrayed in a comparison of the original post telephone directory—a one-page mimeographed sheet—with the current 80-page book.

Published on January 15, 1920, the one-page directory contained 78 listings of officers and various departments under the Infantry School.

General C. S. Farnsworth was the commanding general of the post at that time and he had the distinction of "Phone No. 1" in his office, with Phone No. 2 listed at his residence.

The 29th Infantry Regiment was stationed at "Camp Benning" in 1920. Four phones were listed for the unit and quarters for the regimental commander and adjutant.

The range officer boasted of an extension of his office phone in his quarters with the old familiar "Number 66, ring two, please."

ONLY 2 SERGEANTS

Two sergeants were listed for phones in their quarters, the chief clerk of the school and the instructional staff clerk, Sergeants Engle and Woods, respectively. Both were called upon nights to answer queries of their superiors.

Fourteen officers besides the commanding general and the field officer's barracks had the little magic instruments installed in their quarters.

Divisions of the Infantry School were listed as departments in the directory, broken down into "Department of Engineering," "Department of General Subjects," "Department of Machine Gun," "Department of Miscellaneous Weapons," "Department of Rifle and Pistol," and "Department of Tactics."

45 BRANCHES NOW

One Post Exchange served the needs of soldiers at Camp Ben-

ning, compared to the 45 branches now listed at the post.

Typists even made mistakes in those days, too, for the spelling of the M. T. C. Maintenance Office is listed as "Maintainance."

A drawing at the top of the page of the 25-year-old directory under the title "Shades of the Past" depicts two ancient cave-men viewing a bow and arrow with one of the warriors declaring, "This little invention will make war so horrible it'll outlaw war for all future ages."

The current directory of the fort numbers 80 pages with more than 3,000 individual telephone listings. A revised directory is being compiled now by employees of the Signal Corps in conjunction with the Southern Bell Telephone Company, Lt. Col. Harold J. Adams, signal officer, has announced.

Included in the present telephone set-up on the post, besides the office and quarters phones, are the nine central telephone centers where soldiers may place long distance telephone calls, and 100 public pay stations spotted throughout the post.

Four operators handled the magneto-crank phones at the inception of the "Camp Benning" exchange. Employees now number 48 with six soldiers and WACs. The Signal Corps operates, maintains and installs all telephone connections at Mighty Fort Benning.

New Type Air Show Planned by 2d Army On Radio Tonight

A different type of program will take the air tonight when the Special Services Office of Fourth Headquarters, Special Troops, Second Army, begins a new series of broadcasts, "Second Army Shows" over "Fort Benning on the Air" on Station WRBL each Thursday night at 8 o'clock.

Sgt. Henry Moore of the 89th Signal Operations Battalion will be interviewed over the air concerning his newspaper work and especially about his part in covering the New London, Texas, schoolhouse disaster of 1937. Sgt. Moore, who played an instrumental part in the reporting of that event, will discuss how he was the first to broadcast the news of it, how he kept the guards to take pictures, and will describe the scene of tragedy.

Each Thursday night, another Second Army man with an interesting tale to tell, or musical talent, from Second Army, or round table discussions, on various questions by people who are acquainted with the tops, will be presented in the new series.

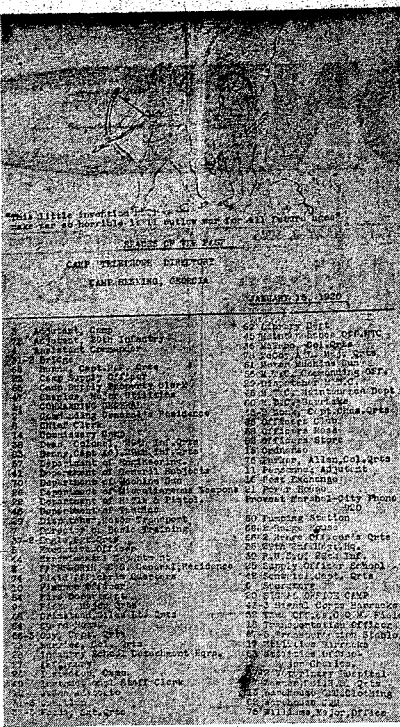
The program will endeavor to bring to the radio audience news and features about the Second Army personnel, so that civilians and soldiers of other units at Fort Benning will know what Second Army's job is, and what kind of soldiers wear the red-and-white Deuces on the left shoulder.

The program will be under the supervision of Major Neil R. Maxey, Special Services Officer of Fourth Headquarters, Special Troops, Second Army, and Sgt. Mort Granas of Fourth Headquarters will be the announcer.

"Pardon me," said the soldier, "may I have this dance with you?"

"No, you can't," replied the stuck-up chicken. "I never dance with anyone lower than a second lieutenant."

"I didn't know there was anything lower," replied the soldier.



ORIGINAL DIRECTORY DISCOVERED at Fort Benning was a one-page mimeographed sheet containing 79 telephone listings is shown in the photo above as the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of the directory's printing is observed by Signal Corps—U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo.)

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

FORT BENNING, GEORGIA

SEPTEMBER 1944



EMERGENCY CALLS

MAIN POST	INFORMATION	MAIL	ADJ.
AMBULANCE 8124	6233	7651	8181
FIRE (Dial)	17	17	2100
FIRE (Manual Call)	FIRE	FIRE	FIRE
INFORMATION 3631	3631	3631	3631
MILITARY POLICE 2205	6404	7211	8447
UTILITIES (Day)	8587	6273	7813
(Night)	2564	6273	7651

THE DIRECTORY 26 YEARS LATER

Air Combat Veteran Believes in Miracles

S-Sgt. James F. Gannon, radio operator now stationed at Lawson Field, believes in miracles.

"It must have been a miracle," says Sgt. Gannon, "that delivered me safely through almost 1500 combat flying hours, numerous missions with the China Air Task Force flying supplies for the American Volunteer Group over the dangerous 'hump' of the Himalayas Mountains separating India and China, and particularly through one unforgettable flight over the 'hump'."

"We were flying at night through a dense blanket of overcast," the sergeant began, "when at 22,000 feet our C-47 transport plane suddenly 'fired-up.' We couldn't bail out for there were only four parachutes among the 17 men aboard the plane. Although in the thick, oily clouds over the mountains we were unable to see even our own engines, somehow we had to find a place to land—and fast!

JUST IN TIME

"Miraculously, just as our gas gauge registered empty, the 'coup' opened up and we sa weath' for the first time in six hours. Believe me, it looked good enough to eat! Some Chinese peasants were making charcoal, so we, having nothing else to guide on, set a course towards their fires. Sure enough, where there were fires there were people, and where there were people was also a rice paddy just right for us to land in."

"The first pass at our adopted landing field resulted in tipping a wing tip on an obtrusive hill top. However, even though we ran out of gas and disfigured a stone wall, our second and final attempt brought us safely to earth, wonderful, wonderful earth!"

"The setting of our crash landing was a short way east of Kunming, China, approximately 150 miles from our own base. Although we were the first white

people these hill folk had ever seen, we were accepted handsomely and dined in the best Chinese peasant fashion. Our tragedy was made even more bearable when we discovered nothing to drink but 100 gallons of rich red wine!"

150 MILES ON FOOT

Planes sent out to search for the crash were unsuccessful, and the

He Has Yet To Meet Lock He Can't Master

Whenever there's a lock around which can't be opened, Corporal Harry Singer of Fourth Headquarters, Special Troops, Second Army, often becomes the key man.

It happens to be a master locksmith, whose ability to open locks has put him to the test time and again, and always has come through. In the army and before he entered the service when he was a lock-smith, he has opened the most stubborn locks has been amply demonstrated.

His services are often expended for his friends. If someone loses the key to his footlocker, or can't open the combination to the closet, Singer is always glad to help out. In almost no time at all, he has the lock open. "You know how I do it," says Singer, "there's no trick to it."

NO MARVELS AT ALL

Speaking of tricks, Singer says that these marvel men in circuses and carnivals who break out of handcuffs aren't really marvels at all. "I can get that handcuff open and through their seem unopenable, the fellow who has them on will know how."

His work has won him much admiration. There's one major at Camp Gordon, Ga., where Singer was once stationed, who thinks pretty highly of Singer's ability. The major's wife, inadvertently, slammed the automobile door, locking their small child inside in its crib. The windows were up, the key to the car were in the ignition lock, and the car just wouldn't be opened.

The major was sent for and he came hurrying home. He wanted to break in the window but it was feared that the child might be hurt by one of the flying splinters. The major's wife, however, called the major and his wife were frantic, because they feared the child would suffocate.

MAJOR DISASTER

Luckily, the supply sergeant of the major's battalion knew of Singer, so Singer was sent for. By a few simple manipulations, Singer had the door open.

He was sent actually as happy as that major was. Singer recalls, "He wrung my hand and tears of joy were in his eyes. And a 'Major' catastrophe was averted."

A native of New York City, Singer has been a locksmith for years. His family are locksmiths, and he naturally fell into the art. By the time he was in high school, he had mastered the trade, and he helped pay for his college education by doing key making and lock work. After spending some time at the School of Engineering at Columbia University in New York, Singer set up business for himself.

WHERE THERE'S A WILL

In civilian life, he had quite a few interesting experiences. Once, he was called upon to open a safe under very curious circumstances. It seems that someone had died, and the executor of his estate was all tangled up. One of his relatives recalled that he once had made a will and left it in a safe, to which only he knew the combination.

Singer was called upon, and by drilling a tiny hole in the right members of the isolated party had to complete the long 150 mile trek back to their base on foot. Sgt. Gannon enlisted in the Army Air Forces in December, 1940 at Fairfield, Ohio. A desire to become an aerial radio operator was fulfilled a year later in December, 1941, when he received his diploma from the radio school at Scott Field, Ill.

Shortly thereafter he was on the proverbial "banana boat" bound for overseas. After two months of leisurely routine flight missions in the Caribbean area, his unit was transferred to a front line base in China where his numerous combat missions over the "hump" began.

Upon returning to the United States Sgt. Gannon was assigned to the Radio Code Section here at the I Troop Carrier Command base, Lawson Field, Fort Benning, Ga.

"Although this is my first assignment with the Troop Carrier command," praises the young radio operator, "I have seen many TCC units in action overseas. They are doing a bang-up job, and in my estimation will be rated as a prime factor in the achievement of ultimate victory."

Sgt. Gannon wears the Distinguished Flying Cross with three Oak Leaf Clusters, the Air Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with two battle stars, and the American Defense Ribbon.

TIS Raises \$5,937.50 In Dime Drive

The Infantry School, March of Dimes campaign, according to a final tabulation, announced by Capt. Matthew D. Tucker, campaign director. The 3d Student Training Regiment headed the contributors with a total of \$1,753.27. The 1st Student Training Regiment was second highest with \$680.58.

Unit contributions follow:

Organization: Amount
Academic Regiment . . . \$497.51
Academic Department . . . \$510.55
Headquarters, The Infantry School . . . \$616
1st Student Training Regiment . . . \$680.58
2d Student Training Regiment . . . \$479.25
3d Student Training Regiment . . . \$1,753.27
Student Training Regiment . . . \$200.00
Officer Candidate Reception Unit . . . \$14.80
Troops Brigade . . . \$14.80

Motor Pool	\$418.91
3d Infantry	\$490.53
4th Infantry	\$420.44
624th Eng. Light	
Fontoon Co.	\$93.38
787th Tank Bn.	\$127.07
401st Field Art. Bn.	\$119.94
424th Field Art. Bn.	\$113.40
2d Battalion, 53rd Inf.	\$94.00
Total	\$5,937.50

Post's Quarters Get No Mail Delivery

Personnel who have residences or quarters on the Fort Benning reservation are cautioned not to give either their residence or quarters addresses as their mail address, according to Captain William H. O'Connell, postal officer. There is no delivery of mail to residences or quarters on the post, and mail thus address requires directory service at the OPA, causing unnecessary work and delay of the mail.

Personnel living in residences or quarters on the post are urged to either rent a box at the U. S. Post Office at Fort Benning or to have their mail addressed to their unit or organization.

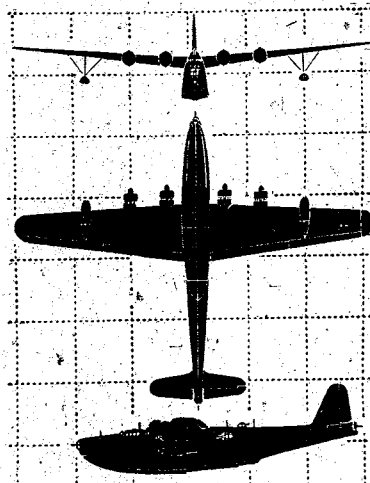
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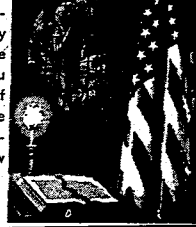
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REV. RODERICK KEANE, Asst. Pastor

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Confessions Saturday—5:00, 6:30 and 7:30-9:30

BAKER VILLAGE—Mass in the Administration Building at 9 o'clock, E. W. T., every Sunday. Religious instruction for the children every Wednesday at 4:45 P. M. in Hundertmark's residence, 26 Fox St., Baker Village.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

(Opposite Ralston Hotel)

DR. FREDERICK S. PORTER

Pastor

Sunday School 10:15 A. M.

Morning Worship

11:30 A. M.

5:45 Fellowship Hour for Service Men and Women

B. T. U. 6:45 P. M.

Evening Worship

8:00 P. M.

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2d Army Ordnance Units Expert 'Fixers'

In training here at Fort Benning at the present time are Second Army Ordnance units which were they in a combat zone, could carry a tremendous part of the maintenance load of an entire army.

Under the supervision of the 21st Ordnance Battalion, the companies include heavy automotive maintenance, medium automotive maintenance, and depot maintenance. They could take fighting vehicles, repair them, renovate them and even replace them and send them back to do more fighting.

Lieutenant Colonel John A. Suenens, of Dayton, Ohio, Commanding Officer of the 21st, and Captain Charles H. Wilson, Jr., of Little Rock, Ark., Maintenance Officer, outline the tremendous job their companies could play overseas.

"This is a mechanized war," Captain Wilson said, "and the units under the 21st would occupy positions in a combat zone as important as any in the set-up. Military security forbids publication of just how many vehicles and troops we could serve, but it's a tremendous figure."

THE ECHELONS
Captain Wilson traced the echelons through which a vehicle would pass, if it were in need of repair. "First, they'd send it to a medium automotive maintenance company, for third echelon work. Third echelon would include changes in the unit assembly. If that wasn't sufficient, they'd send it to the fourth echelon, the heavy automotive maintenance company. They can do anything to a vehicle except the most delicate work. They can take the engines apart, replace, renovate, repair, even salvage. If necessary they can cannibalize from other vehicles. A H. A. M. company's the heaviest ordnance repair outfit that's not a permanent installation."

"Furnishing the supplies to all the units," Captain Wilson went on, "would be the depot company."

7 TIS Grads Get Silver Stars

Seven former members of The Infantry School have recently been awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action, according to a War Department announcement. They are:

Captain Chris McCullough, of San Diego, Calif., who was commissioned at the School, November 7, 1941, and later took the Officer's Advanced Course in February 1942; for action in France, June 1, 1944.

Captain Michael Mihalko, of Bradstock, Pa., who was commissioned at the School, August 19, 1942; for action in France, June 8, 1944.

Captain Gordon A. Jeffrey, of Pawtucket, R. I., who was commissioned at the School, June 27, 1942; for action in France, on June 7, 1944.

First Lieutenant Garvin C. McMahon, of Welford, S. C., who took the Rifle and Heavy Weapons Course at the School, June 1942; for action in Italy, May 14, 1944.

First Lieutenant John J. Mayer, of Howard Beach, N. Y., who was commissioned at the School, February 5, 1943; for action in Italy January 28, 1944.

Second Lieutenant Lawrence Sloan, of 6652 Glenwood Ave., Chicago, Ill., who was commissioned at the School, June 5, 1943; for action in France, June 14, 1944.

Major Dennis D. Clafre, of Astoria, N. Y., who took the National School of Theology, in Atlanta, Ga., where he graduated in 1937. Captain Varner received a commission as first lieutenant in the Infantry School Reserve Corps in 1941 and was called to active duty, being assigned to the 40th Division at Camp San Luis Obispo, California. On August 27, 1942, he was assigned to the 26th Central Postal Directory, Dutch Harbor.

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But he added a note of caution. "The men up there won't tolerate so-called humor of the risqué, bawdy, 'strip-tease' variety. All of them, especially those in the rear, who have loved ones at home and who feel that they are fighting for all that's right, frown upon it and will not permit it. Remember, these boys have learned to think, up there in the Arctic Circle. They are fighting for basic ideals, and that's all they have to cling to. If they lose them, they're lost. So, to all entertainers who contemplate visits to Dutch Harbor and points, please remember that precaution."

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FRENCH JOURNALIST FIRES AMERICAN MACHINEGUN—Mme. Andree Violis, age 70, one of the seven French journalists visiting The Infantry School, is shown firing a heavy machine gun, one of the many weapons the visitors inspected. Mme. Violis, who represents "Ce Soir," of Paris, was active in getting out newspapers in the French underground. (Official U. S. Army Photo—The Infantry School.)

Mission Elsewhere Saved Col. Freund at Malmedy

Chaplain Cites Arctic Problem

"A chaplain's problems up in the Aleutian Islands are different from those in the combat zones," says Chaplain Henry B. Varner, of Fourth Headquarters, Special Troops, Second Army, who spent two years in that chain of wind-swept islands.

"I can't say as if you were in combat, caring for wounded, administering last rites, doing what you can for a torn body," he recalls. "We haven't bullets to fight... it's loneliness, emptiness, right... while men learn to live with themselves for the first time."

Chaplain Varner, who is 34 years old, is a Mississippi, born in Kilbuck and later a resident of Rome and then Morehead, all in that state. He attended the Sunflower Junior College and later received his Bachelor of Science degree at Millsaps College, Jackson, Mississippi. In January, 1935, he enrolled in the Chandler School of Theology, in Atlanta, Ga., where he graduated in 1937. Chaplain Varner received a commission as first lieutenant in the Infantry School Reserve Corps in 1941 and was called to active duty, being assigned to the 40th Division at Camp San Luis Obispo, California. On August 27, 1942, he was assigned to the 26th Central Postal Directory, Dutch Harbor.

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Trooper Gets Bronze Star

The Bronze Star Medal for "meritorious service in combat" was pinned on Sergeant William H. Leatherwood of Gainesville, Fla., a cadetman in Co. "B," 1st Parachute Training Regiment, The Parachute School, by Brig. General Ridgely Galtner at TPS offering exercises last Saturday.

Signed by Lieutenant General Mark W. Clark, commanding general of the American Fifth Army and covering the period from November to 10 December, 1943, the citation reads:

"Sergeant Leatherwood, normally a battalion headquarters clerk, voluntarily attached himself to a line company during an attack on a heavily fortified enemy mountain position. He spent the entire night of the initial assault carrying and assisting wounded officers and men down the mountain to the aid station. Later, he carried water and rations up the steep slopes under intense enemy artillery and mortar fire. He was instrumental in organizing and directing the operations of pack trains to carry supplies to the troops in combat. During the operation, he made repeated trips up the steep mountain trails, despite the fact that normally his place would be in the rear echelon. By his courage, devotion to duty, and ability to surmount all obstacles, Sergeant Leatherwood was in large measure responsible for keeping his organization supplied with equipment necessary to accomplish its mission."

Sergeant Leatherwood entered military service from Gainesville, Fla., in 1941, and immediately following his basic training, volunteered for the paratrooper. He graduated from jump training at The Parachute School in February 1942. His 26 months overseas service includes two jumps in North Africa and one at Avellino, Italy. Following the assault northward from Avellino, where the action described in the citation took place, Sergeant Leatherwood went on to Anzio with the 509th Parachute Infantry Battalion.

He was returned on rotation to The Parachute School in September, 1944, and was assigned to cadre in Co. "B."

In addition to the Bronze Star, the sergeant also wears the Good Conduct Medal Ribbon, the Infantry Combat Badge, American Defense Ribbon and the ETO Ribbon with three campaign stars.

Mrs. Frye Named USO Assistant

Mrs. Louise Frye of Montclair, N. J., has been appointed staff assistant at the Columbus YWCA-USO, it was announced by Mrs. Mildred Conyers, director of the Little USO as it is commonly known.

A native of New Jersey, Mrs. Frye received her B. A. degree in sociology and psychology and her M. A. degree in Education from Fisk University in Nashville, Tenn. She also studied at the School of Fine and Industrial Arts in Newark, N. J.

Mrs. Frye taught art at the State Teachers College in Fayetteville, N. C., for four years. In December, 1943, she was appointed recreation hostess to the service club number 5 in Fort Bragg, N. C., by the Special Services Branch of the War Department. She is specially skilled in organizing and directing groups in handicrafts, social dancing, dramatics and various sports, Mrs. Conyers said.

Her husband, who is a physician, is a captain in the Army.

7 Colored Soldiers Get Free Valentine Trip to Atlanta

As a special Valentine present, seven lucky colored soldiers from the major installations at Fort Benning will be treated to a weekend in Atlanta February 17 through 19, at the expense of the Post Special Service Office.

Capt. Henry A. Talbert, of The Infantry School, is working out details for the program. Enlisted men to enjoy the all-expense-paid trip are being selected from the installations on the basis of their being outstanding men in their units. The names of those submitted by the smaller units will be placed in a hat and the lucky winners drawn.

The following allocation of soldiers will be observed: two from The Infantry School, two from the Reception Center; one from Layton Field, one from The Parachute School, and one from the detachments of the Station Complement.

Capt. Talbert said the men will leave by train on Saturday, February 17, and go to the Servicemen's Center in Atlanta. A complete program is being worked out to give the troops free entertainment.

30 YARDS OF MONEY WORTH \$400 AT HOME

CAMP GORDON, Ga.—(ALNS)—Back from 30 months overseas service that took him to 30 nations, and from spots in the Pacific to Africa to England and the Mediterranean, Master Sergeant B. D. Patterson wanted some spending money, so went to the Post Finance office here and pulled out a roll of bills, each neatly attached to the next with adhesive, and asked for exchange. There was all sorts of money, collected over all the world, in the roll that when unrolled would change value of approximately 30 yards, and had an ex-\$400. "Just been saving for a rainy day," explained the sergeant. He left with his spending money, and enough of the roll left for his next "rainy day."

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The set profits of all War Department theaters on the post on February 11 will be donated to the treasury of the Fort Benning Parent-Teacher Association, Captain Robert L. Parsons post theater officer, announced Tuesday.

Captain Parsons said that this contribution is being made to the P-T. A. as authorized by Paragraph 28 C, AR 210-380, dated 10 July 1942.

"The P-T. A. will be very grateful for this gift," Mrs. Ernest J. Knott, president of the P-T. A., said.

and wife of Lt. Col. Knott, executive officer of the Reception Center Student Training Unit, said. "The money will be used for the purchase of extra school supplies not available through ordinary channels, such as the purchase of books for the school library and visual aids such as a movie. It is also underwriting the salaries of members of the school faculty offering extra-curricular subjects such as home economics and art."

Two Washington stenographers were walking down Constitution Avenue when they detected a GI following them. Frantic as to what to do, they decided to match for him.

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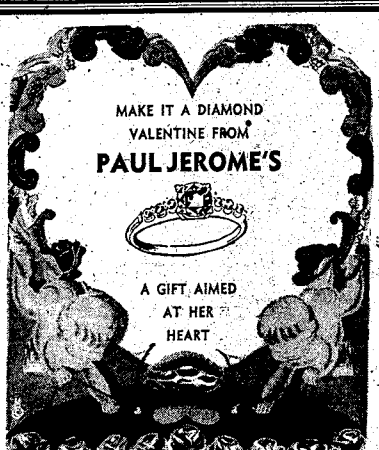
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—LT. GEN. MILLARD F. HARMON
Cg, AAF, Pacific Theater

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Postagrams

Fort Benning wound up its 1945 March of Dimes campaign early this week with a total contribution of \$16,701.11, topping last year's donation of \$11,500, and exceeding an unofficial goal of \$15,000 set for this year. Evidently believing that the Gods help those who help themselves, Fort Benning school children, in a spirit of sacrifice, left off ice cream, candy, and movies for several weeks to pile up \$191 as a gift in the fight against infantile paralysis.

The School Troops Brigade over in The Infantry School is no more. The word "brigade" has been dropped.

Somewhere in the ETO there is an Infantry Officer Candidate School over of officer and enlisted personnel sent over from Fort Benning's Infantry School. And speaking of ETO, from the Sixth Army Group comes the news that one of the buildings of a rest camp over there has been named Kelly Hotel in honor of Sgt. Charles E. "Commando" Kelly, Medal of Honor winner, who is now with The Academic Regiment at Fort Benning. On furlough, Kelly could not be reached for comment.

A portrait in oil of General of the Army George C. Marshall, Chief of Staff, USA, has been hung in The Infantry School. The portrait is the gift of 35 American industrial leaders and was painted by Bernard Godwin of New York. The painting was accepted by Major General Fred L. Walker, Infantry school commandant.

First-half schedules in two more court loops,

Week In Sports

First-half schedules in two more court loops, the Post League and the Service League, came to an end this week—and by a strange coincidence, both ended in a deadlock, and furthermore Lawson Field, quinquies were involved in the basketball playoffs.

The Flyers ended up tied with the Parachute School Troopers, and their three-game playoff series opens Friday.

The Bombers, perhaps one of the greatest colored fives in post history featuring Harold

Simms, once of the pro Globetrotters, deadlocked the Reception Center Tigers, and will open their series Thursday. . . . Meanwhile plans went ahead for the second-half schedules with the definite possibility that the Post League will now become an eight-club circuit inasmuch as the Infantry School League evidently will not operate, at least for the remainder of this season.

That means that the Academic Profs and the 4th Infantry Raiders, who are now representing Infantry Training Detachment No. 2 of School Troops, will be added to the five of six clubs that played in the first-half. Either 963rd Ordnance or the Prisoner of War Camp Guards, who are having a bang-up campaign, will be the eighth club. . . . In exhibition ball, the 3rd STR Rifles continued their winning stride by winning three more at the expense of the 1st STR Wolves, the ITO No. 2 Raiders, and Lawson General Hospital in Atlanta. The latter game went to the Rifles by 47-45 when big Sid Payne tapped in the winning bucket in the waning moments of a thrilling game. . . . Lawson Field lost a one-point decision to Belvoir Field from Panama City, one of the best clubs in the south. WFTS will go gunning for new scalps this week-end when they trek to the Gulf Coast for games with Keesler Field and Gulfport Navy.

The badminton club that has been started by Sgts. Bill Belgrade and Ralph Privett, both former state champs, has been challenged to a team match by the Atlanta Athletic Club—and will accept later this month. . . . Al Hostak, former world middleweight king, now in the 2nd PTH, is whipping a great boxing team into shape and they will soon be ready for outside competition. . . . Lieut. Erwin Prasse, former Prof. court and baseball star, who was wounded in the ETO, is scheduled to be discharged here this week. He's the lad who could really punish the left-field wall at Gowdy Field. . . . Already there's plenty of baseball talk in the air, but nothing definite on what the set-up will be. Nevertheless, everybody is hoping that OC George Munger, who won eleven to the St. Louis Cardinals last summer, will get to be the slap at Gowdy at least once or twice before he gets his gold bars in the 3rd STR and leaves our midst.

ANJ Asks Promotions For Freed Jap Prisoners

The determination of General MacArthur to keep the soldiers' faith, backed up by the skill and bravery of the intrepid band of United States Rangers and Filipino Guerrillas, has released 513 prisoners from the hell of a Japanese prison camp.

We know that General MacArthur and his forces will not stop until all American prisoners who yet survive are restored to their homes and freedom.

This is the greatest feat American Arms can perform for them. But to give the fullest possible restoration and to effect justice as well as may be done, the members of the Armed Forces who have been taken prisoners should be restored not only to the rank and pay they held at the time of capture but to the rank and pay status they would have attained had they not been captured. We cannot know the full extent of their suffering and degradations which they have undergone in the past three years. We cannot compare the extent to which it will affect their future lives. But we can assure that the mark of the military man—rank and grade—will not have suffered in relation to that of their comrades still in the active theatres.

Senator Chavez has a bill designed to provide automatic promotions for certain American prisoners of War in the Far East. We urge Congress to broaden this measure to include those in all theatres and to make such amendments as may be necessary to facilitate its administration and assure that all those who, like the heroic survivors of Corregidor and Bataan, became prisoners under honorable circumstances, will be restored to their rightful and relative position in the Armed Forces, and make it law.

—Army-Navy Journal

The New Europe Must Be Built With New Men

The Russian drive for Berlin and elimination of the Western bulge have made us begin to think that our job in Europe is nearly done. But confusion is in the liberated countries shows us that our work has only just begun. It is a big job to liberate a country. It takes men, materials, brains and it costs lives. It is a still bigger job to bring unity, security and stability to a country and a continent.

Europe has not only been torn by warring armies but by warring ideologies. People have been uprooted from their homes and from settled beliefs, laws, customs, standards. It is estimated that before D-Day fourteen to fifteen million people had had their homes destroyed; that one hundred million people are not living in their homes. Most of Europe has been living under an alien rule. There has been an ersatz

unity of living under one leader, but underneath there has been a welter of warring ideologies and thwarted hearts.

The shattered nations of Europe need more than good advice, more than sympathy and understanding. They need news of an answer.

We need to hold to the conviction that Europe can change and change for the better as rapidly as in the last years it has changed for the worse. It can change if we have a burning sense of the things that unite, of the principles of freedom and justice, of honesty and fair play. It is not enough to try to hold the balance between warring parties. We need to bring in the spirit that cures bitterness instead of using it. Then each party can find the vision of what it can give to its country, a deep sense of patriotism and the basic Christian principles on which our freedom was built.

The new Europe must be built with new men. Men cannot be coerced into being different. That breeds dictatorship. A new way of life must be caught as well as taught, and it can sweep through Europe faster than did the cold, dead, regimented philosophy of a super-race.

This new way can begin with each one of us. New men, new nations, a new world. That is the program big enough to set all hearts aflame, to consume all lesser passions. But it is a plan so comprehensive that all must unite to carry it out. That is our only hope.

You can't fill a conference room with selfish people and expect them to come out with an unselfish plan.

If you insist on looking at things from your own angle, you seldom get them straight.

To take part in the fight for a new and better world we have got to be new and better ourselves.

It isn't only the big shots that need to be square shooters.

Careless talk is dangerous, but no more so than careless thinking.

The work we do isn't as important as the spirit we work in.

We take every safety precaution to care for the men who work in industry except, sometimes, just plain caring for the men.

"What can I do for my country?" is the spirit which brings victory.

There is no short cut to a better world. In the long run we will all have to start with ourselves.

When we concentrate on income, there is small outcome to our lives.

We can all live on less when we have more to live for.



By TAP

"What's in a name?" . . . Let's—

The question was brought forth when the writer heard about the famed First Sergeant at the Parachute School, who was christened Harvard Yale Princeton. . . . He says his father "must have been a humorist."

The name intrigues me, since it represents the big three universities of the Ivy League—and being a Bostonian, and a New Englander to boot—but that doesn't mean "kiki!"

At any rate, this old ski scribbler intended to investigate the details concerning the above cognomen, but soon discovered that the Sergeant has been deluged with like publicity for years, an item even appearing in Bob Ripley's fabulous "Believe It Or Not" cartoon.

In case you are interested, however, Sgt. Harvard Yale Princeton is not a college man, and he doesn't root for any of his namesakes when their teams battle on the gridirons, or other athletic fields.

H. Y. P. declares that he is tired of being joshed about his moniker. . . .

Well, gosh, consider my name: "Tap" Goodenough," pronounced exactly as the two words run together. . . . And I'm still being kidded about this one.

For instance, when people have the pleasure of meeting yours truly for the first time, they invariably exclaim, "But I believe it!" Then add, "It really should be pronounced, 'Good-nod, or Good-noo,' or something!"

Myriads of clever wits delight in asking, "Are you good, enough?" even after an acquaintance of many years. . . .

In one of my classes in Prep School, there was a chap named Best. And the Prof thought it very funny to remark, "Tap, you are only 'good enough,' but John is 'Best!'" . . . He should have written radio scripts for Jack Benny.

Not to mention the scores who, upon seeing me, scream, "How about some beer on Tap?" . . . Which isn't a bad idea!

So cheer up, Sgt. Princeton: some men have to "make" names for themselves—ours were given us! . . .

Speaking of such things, did you hear about the soldier named "Haste," who dated a WAC named "Waste?" . . .

We once bet on a racehorse called "Slow Poke." The nag started in the fifth race and finished in the eighth. . . . Its jockey was named Pullen!

AND SO TO BEDLAM . . .

When a rookie first enters a barracks, . . .

Boys in 215th Ordnance Battalion have dropped their Saturday Afternoon Gripe association and substituted one composed of lonely hearts—boys who got the old brush off from the gals back home.

At the POW camp, they claim that Tony Lopardo stepped up to the pay desk—then went around to the tail end of the line for "seconds."

And when Corp. Mayer answers the phone in Intelligence at the POW camp, they say he always comes to rigid attention if it's an officer at the other end.

We finally got a field jacket after wearing our blouse until if some officer ever checked it over, he'd have us up for a stinking dirty uniform. Thanks to Sgt. Freeman and Corp. Belg for keeping their eyes open for that article.

Tap Goodenough claims he heard a couple of GIs in the powder room the other day. Says the first, "Where did you get that black eye?" Says the second, "In the war." "What war?" "Why, the boudoir!"

Boys in 3d Infantry Regiment won't wear Cockade and Vuffstrap traditional symbols of the "Old Guard," until further notice.

Hey, this column is beginning to look like an all-Fourth Infantry edition. How's about some of you guys in other outfits coming across with some dope now and then.

Then there's Pvt. Henry S. Arlosky, now in Academic Regiment, who tells about how his outfit was held up in Newfoundland for a couple of weeks by a huge iceberg that came floating down and blocked the harbor just as they were all set to sail.

Well, that's an idea. . . . Sgt. Fox put up so many pin-ups in his room at the Regional Hospital Unit 2 that he never has any trouble getting volunteers to pull that duty.

And then the boys over in Unit 2 are still chortling over Sgt. Putt, who, in absence of Capt. Webster, sneaked into his room, put feet on desk, and let out a bellow for Sgt. Quinn—just as the Captain walked in.

Unit Reporter: "Stop the presses. Tear out the front page! The General's wife is expecting a baby this afternoon."

GI Editor: "We haven't room for it—tell her to hold it till next week!"

He often feels rather sunk. For the Army makes funny bed-jellows. And many don't like the bunk.

His bed is either too long or short.

It hurts his aching back. He longs for the hay in his far-off home.

But wait! All his first bivouac after his basic, he'll point that

Of men who, enjoy their "bunk fatigue"

PX Waitress: "As pure as the girl of your dreams."

Pvt.: "Give me a ham sandwich."



MOUNTAINS

Chaplain F. W. Helfer

While living in Illinois I was impressed with the long straight roads. As a boy I had grown up among the hills of West Virginia, and now I was homesick for them. I thought of the Psalmist who lifted up his eyes unto the mountains and found God.

Many people live in the flat lands spiritually; no high goals, no upward reach, no inspirations. For Israel there were always hills and mountains of faith. God was near. Every man needs some high hill of hope, of courage, of power. I was talking with a soldier the other day who told me he was afraid and didn't know what he was afraid of. In conversation I discovered he was afraid of tension, mental illness, letting his comrades down in battle, afraid of the future, afraid he would be afraid. I assured him that he need not carry all the uncertainties and worries on his own back. God's shoulders are wider. God's shoulders are wider! You see, I was trying to get this soldier to climb out of the flat lands of self into the presence of the Most High.

The mountains afford perspective. They enable a man to see there is something more to the world than the spot he is standing on. A man may sit on his own little hill and scratch a lot and be bitten more and be altogether irritated by the little items of his immediate concern. It is not too healthy to sit too long on the seat of one's own miseries. The mountains lift a man's horizon so he may look at his problem with reference to the totality of life.

Long ago a man said, "I will lift up mine eyes unto the mountains, from whence cometh my strength. My strength cometh from the Lord who made heaven and earth." Man did not make these hills and mountains. Man did not ordain the stars and the seasons. These were established and continue to have their existence in the mind and nature of God. As the Psalmist thought on these things, he believed, "God, who is sufficient for the mountains and the stars, will be sufficient for me!"

That is a great thing to believe about life—that before there were any mountains, there was God; and that after there were mountains, God became the dwelling place of all men every where throughout all the generations. God, who made the mountains and the stars, is "an ever present help in trouble."

The farmer was sitting on his steps in front of the farmhouse eating a sandwich, when a hen went past him like a shot. The rooster in pursuit suddenly put on the brakes and stopped to eat the crumbs that fell from the farmer's sandwich.

Very much surprised the farmer, looked at the rooster, shook his head and muttered: "I hope I never get that hungry."

Boss: "I'm afraid you won't do." Stenographer: "Did I say that I wouldn't?"

GI: "Hello, Tools, what are you doing?" Sherman sweetie: "Getting ready for church."

G.I. WIFE

By HILEEN

We all—meaning, of course, the staff members—are a little disappointed at the reaction we're getting from Sgt. Carl Neu when we mention his collection of Pin-Ups. You all know Sgt. Carl Neu, of course—formerly known as "the man who owns Fort Benning, later as 'the Mayor of Benning,' still later as 'the Voice of Fort Benning,' and most recently as 'Ft. Benning's Pin-Up Boy.'"

But to get back to this Pin-Up collection—and, of course, Sgt. Neu's reaction to our mention of it—Sgt. Neu doesn't think it a bit odd that he should maintain three file drawers completely filled with pictures of very, very pretty girls—in all stages of dress—and all types. There are pretty girls in evening dresses and in bathing suits—there's one in a lovely, lovely negligee—and one wrapped in a bath towel. As I said, there are lots and lots of very, very pretty girls.

But Sgt. Neu doesn't confine himself to one type of pin-up picture. He doesn't save only the pictures of movie stars, or the pictures of war workers, or the pictures of socialites, or the pictures of WACs or the pictures of radio lights. Sgt. Neu just saves PIN-UP PICTURES!

We've all told Sgt. Neu that we don't know of a single person (except, of course, Sgt.

Neu) who would want to keep all those pictures. And Sgt. Neu just growls at us that these are his pictures, and save them he will! We've all asked him what he's going to do with them when the war is over and he has returned to his home. Sgt. Neu's answer to that is that he is going to take a year off and just sit and look at his pictures and admire them—all those lovely, lovely pin-up girls!

Of course we all know that Sgt. Neu is serious about his intentions, but we can't resist teasing him a little further. When we've settled the question of what he's going to do with his pin-up pictures, we ask what he's going to do with all the other pictures he's collected during his four years at Fort Benning.

There the questioner has to stop, because Sgt. Neu, who is really a good-hearted, good-natured sort of person pretends that he is very, very angry. Out of respect for Sgt. Neu's anger, we all sit quietly—until we think of something else to rib him about. Sgt. Neu pretends to be very, very angry, but down underneath he LOVES all that attention directed at himself and his collection of pictures!

P.S.—Anyone desiring to view the collection may make an appointment by calling Sgt. Neu at 2258.



Sign in California— "BUY A BOND AND HELP TEXAS WIN THE WAR."

Pvt. Umbrigo says that one thing that is worse than being a bachelor, is being a bachelor's son.

Hollywood Marriage License Clerk: "Have you been married before, madam?" Screen actress: "Yes." Clerk: "To whom?" Screen actress: "What's this—memory test?"

Co-ed: "I wonder if it is all right to receive a young man in lounging pajamas?" Security Matron: "Certainly not. Make him go home and put his clothes on."

Lucy says it is all right to walk with a GI in the woods—if you keep on walking.

Dun: "I made my fortune by hard work and strenuous saving."

Bradstreet: "I sold a pair of Nylons."

Said one nag to another: "Is it any wonder all the horses chase her? I've never heard her say 'heigh' to any of them."

Miss Allen: "I know the secret of popularity."

Miss Harper: "So do I, but mother says I mustn't."

The story of the month concerns a certain judge out in Idaho who has apparently solved the problem of the windmill hats worn by the ladies. Seems that a jury had been selected to hear a case and the circus hats of the women members hid from view the four lone male members sitting in the rear row. As court adjourned for lunch, the judge announced that the elderly ladies on the panel would be permitted to wear their hats in the afternoon. After lunch—all eight female members came to court bareheaded.

IARTO newcomer: "Does the wind always blow this way?"

Gainesville resident: "No, sometimes it blows the other way."

Water is water—and fire is fire; Where money's concerned—everyone's a liar.

Our relations are the friends given us by nature; our friends are the relations given us by God.

WAC recruiting officer: "So you say you are married. When?" Recruit: "I don't know."

W. R. O.: "You mean you don't know when you were married?" Recruit: "Oh, I thought you said 'Why?'"

GI: "Hello, Tools, what are you doing?" Sherman sweetie: "Getting ready for church."

commander and bowed.

"Oh, Honorable One," he said, "I have completed new, simple filing system you requested. Only four files are now needed for whole Japanese Navy."

"Very good," said the Commander. "What are they?" "Very simple," said the clerk. They are: "Building," "Finished," "Sinking," "Sunk."

Aviators thought for the week. You can't fly with the owls at night, and keep up with the eagles in the day time.

OR TO BUGGIES

In the early days of Phoenix, Arizona, about the turn of the century, an old times was elected justice of the peace. As was usual in those days, he knew no law. When cases were brought before him, he had a fine looking binder, inside of which he had a Sears-Roebuck catalog. He would get out this massive looking book, turn the pages diligently, then place his finger on a given point, and pronounce judgment.

He did so one day when he had a man up for trial. Thumbing over the volume, he put his finger on a point and said, "You are fined \$4.08." The man got up to expostulate. "Sit down," his lawyer whispered hoarsely, pulling him back into his seat. "You are just lucky he turned to pants instead of planks."

Long Island (N. Y.) is a wonderful place because you can see the sound and hear the sea.

WHO'S DOING THIS?

"Hall," the seaman shouted as a CBM approached his guard post. Then there was a long pause. He couldn't remember what to say next. "Who's there?" the helpful CBM prompted.

"Friend," the seaman said. "Advance, friend, and be recognized," the CBM said. The seaman advanced.

"Recognized," the CBM said, slapping the seaman. "Proceed." The seaman walked off the post and back to his barracks.

ABANDONED TO FATE

"How did you come to get so completely intoxicated?" asked the provost.

"I got in bad company, sir. You see there were four of us. I had a bottle of whiskey and the other three didn't drink."

"Two pretty gals were walking down a crowded street. Two soldiers passed and whistled. 'The nerve of them,' said one of the girls, 'whistling at us two days before pay day.'"

Topkick: Large, forceful person with few words, but often.

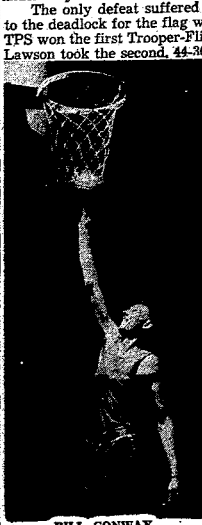
The file clerk entered the office of the Japanese naval

Lawson Field Battles Troopers In Opening of League Playoffs At Main Post Gym Friday Night

By SGT. CARL NEU

Lawson Field's speedy Fliers and the Parachute School's sharp-shooting Troopers will collide Friday night on the hardwood at the main post gym at 9 o'clock in the opening of their three-game playoff series to determine the first-half championship of the Post League.

The arch-rivals wound up their respective schedules this week deadlocked with an identical record of nine wins and one loss apiece, thus necessitating a playoff series before the second-half schedule gets under way.

BROWNIE BLAZSAK
... Stellar TPS GuardBILL CONWAY
... Lanky Lawson Pivot

Here's A Tale Like Man Bites Dog, This Guy Actually Likes Umpires!

By CORP. JOHN B. BONNELL

After the good impulse to get up and stand Reville had conquered the evil impulse to turn over and go back to sleep, my brain, as though seeking escape from a brick February weather, turned to thoughts of the baseball season.

Most people have their favorite team and player, both in the Big Leagues and in amateur circles. I, however, after watching Ft. Benning's highly skilled outfits tussle all last summer, find my most pleasant recollections concern the men in blue.

EVEN THE SCORE

Having been present during many lusty jarring sessions, resulting from a "Blind Bum" calling a play as he saw it, I feel that somebody ought to even the score.

Of course, I realize that the fan in the stands has a much better chance of seeing the corners of the plate than the ump who is practically climbing the neck of the catcher.

Obviously, too, the close play at second is so simple to call from the shadows of the grandstand, while down where the ump is, it is practically impossible!

PRECISION

As much as I rebel against C. I. precision, my favorite arbiter was precision personified. With him, calling a strike was all done by timing.

First, up came the right arm, then it waved vigorously, giving the impression that a wasp had become attached to the index finger, and last, down it went to the position of attention. During this action, our hero was saying something like "Stoo-oo-tye-ek."

The best part of this technique is that it leaves no doubt in anyone's mind as to the decision.

WOTTA VOICE!

My second choice, who was

far ahead of all rivals in drawing boos from the crowd, stands out in my mind for his method of calling foul balls. He seemed to have a very low opinion of the crowd's knowledge of the game, because when a loud foul went sailing out into the alley, he would yank off the mask, take a deep breath, and bellow: "Fow-wuhl!" If every voice had his power, the amplifying business would die a quick death.

I don't know where umpires spend their winters, although I imagine it is in some quiet spot, but I hope they see this and let their chests swell with just pride in the fact that they have one fan.

WOLVES LOSE TO RIFLE FOE

The sharp shooting 3rd STR Rifles chalked up a 61-50 triumph over the 1st STR Wolves in the feature attraction of an exhibition doubleheader at Fort Benning's main post gym Thursday night.

In the Rifle victory, their tenth in twelve starts this season, Big Sid Payne, former Westminster college star, was the big gun. The big center marked up 17 points on 8 field goals and one foul toss.

Herb Matter, former Illinois White Kid, also hit double figures for the winners with 11 points.

Dan Vujnovic, former Pittsburgh star, paced the Wolves with 15 points while Bob Montan, speedy forward, was runner up with 12.

The Rifles got off to an early lead and kept in front all the way.

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For tomorrow night's rivals, the series will be merely a continuation of their dispute for the Post League crown last winter.

At that time, the Fliers won the first half title outright, while TPS crashed through to the second-half laurels.

In the three-game playoff, Lawson Field came off the winner by a single point in the final game, and thereby copped the crown.

The Troopers hope to avenge this defeat in the series that gets underway tomorrow night.

Capt. Daniel C. Herlong, post athletic officer, has announced that the second game of the playoffs will be held next Tuesday night at the Post Gym at 7:30.

While the third and final game if necessary, is set for Thursday, February 15, with the time and place still to be decided.

GUNTHER BACK
With the return of Couby Gunther, their crack centerman from St. John's University, the Troopers will go into the series in splendid shape and possibly rack up a slight edge.

Lawson Field, on the other hand, will be forced to play at least the Friday tilt minus the services of both Jim Wheeler and George Jones, two of their most expert point-makers. Whalen is hospitalized at the moment, but may return by next Tuesday, but appears lost for the series with a sprained ankle sustained in the Eglin Field tilt last Saturday.

HALL READY
Fortunately for Lieut. Phil Gault, crew, however, Arvid (Ace) Hall, veteran of last season's championship team, has returned to Lawson from detached service elsewhere and will step right into a starting slot. Hall racked up 13 points in his 1945 debut Monday night against the Medical Detachment.

The Fliers, who have won 13 out of 21 this season and piled up 1,031 points against 904 for their opposition, will probably take to the court Friday night with a vengeance. In the backcourt, Herman Orman at the forward, Lanky Bill Conway will be at center, with the Halls (no re- sults) and Ace and Charley, at guards.

Capt. Lewis Fern, Trooper coach, is noncommittal on his starting lineup, but he is sure to field a strong team. The Wheeler-Leeth at the pivot, with Alvin Tate and Leon Hess up front, and Brownie Blazsak and Laurence Jones in the backcourt. Jack Bickel, Jack Waltemath, and Charlie Warren are outstanding reserves who will see plenty of action.

TIGERS FACE THREE TOUGH FOES IN ROW

The Reception Center Tigers face a busy schedule this week with three games in a row. Tonight the Tigers will meet the Lawson Field quintet at the post gym in the first of a three-game playoff for the Service League.

FACE TUSKEGEE
Friday night the Tigers will engage in a return match against the Tuskegee Tigers at the sports arena. The Reception Center players in a game played at Tuskegee Institute early in the season.

The winning record of the Reception Center Tigers has given them added confidence that they will avenge the overwhelming defeat which they sustained on the home courts of their Friday opponents.

CLARK AGAIN
The Tigers will meet another college team on Saturday when the Clark College Panthers of Atlanta journey here to play that aggregation the second time within three weeks. It was on January 27 that Clark Panthers beat the Reception Center Tigers by a score of 54 to 22 at the Sunset Casino in Atlanta.

The three teams which will play the Tigers this week are only ones that have been able to defeat the Reception Center players this season.

DEFEAT 3RD STR
The Tigers defeated the 3rd Panthers by a score of 41 to 28 last Friday. In a game played Wednesday the Tigers outplayed the 2nd STR Marvells and won by a score of 61 to 28.

BARKSDALE IS BIGGEST AIRFIELD, PAPER CLAIMS
BARKSDALE FIELD, La. (ALNS)—The Army airfield here is the largest in the world, declares the field publication, The Barksdale Bark, and quotes dimensions in proof. The field contains 2,560 acres, is nine and one-half miles long by five miles wide, with runways 10,000 feet long by 500 feet wide.

A preacher walking into a tavern, in the course of his field work, and ordered a glass of milk. By mistake he was served milk punch. After drinking it to the last drop, he looked upward and murmured: "Lord, what a cow!"

MIKE RAFFA
... lightweight starAL HOSTAK
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... rugged light-heavyBUCK CARROLL
... 175-pound puncherFRANK ESTABRO
... heavyweight ace

WACademics Entertain State Champions

PAYNE'S GOAL GIVES RIFLES THRILLING WIN

Sid Payne's tip-in basket from scrimmage in the final seconds of play enabled the 3rd STR Rifles to edge Lawson General Hospital, 47-45, in the feature game of a Sunday triple-bill at the Sports Arena in Atlanta before a packed house.

The former Westminster College star, who is currently playing a whale of a game at center for the Rifle quintet, leaped high under the hoop during a wild melee with the court tied at 45-45, and, deftly steering the ball into the hoop for the winning points.

PAYNE GETS 28
Payne was pretty much the whole show for the Rifles in the post gym by marking up a 52-46 win over 963rd Ordnance of the 2nd Army.

In the Raiders' victory, Lee Lodge, Johnny Chigieri, and Jim Homer were the big point makers with 14, 13 and 12 points, respectively.

Johnny Pennisi, former Syracuse scholastic star, paced the Wolves with 14 markers while Bud Thomas, his running mate at forward, racked up 13.

In their victory, the Raiders were forced to overcome a 26-23 deficit at half time, but with Homer and Lodge leading the way they won as they played in the final period.

NEW QUINTET LICKS 963RD
Infantry Training Detachment No. 2 of the School Troops, comprised of many members of the 4th Infantry squad that won the first-half title in the Infantry School League, made its court debut last Thursday night at the post gym by marking up a 52-46 win over 963rd Ordnance of the 2nd Army.

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POW GUARDS WIN SEVENTH TILT IN ROW
By CPL. "TAP" GOODENOUGH
It's getting to be a habit with the Guards the bettering basketball team that represents the Fort Benning POW Camp, for the boys won two more games last week, running their present string of victories up to ten out of eleven, the last seven consecutively!

In the first contest, the Guards trounced the Post (SCU) Medics, 37-14, at the Ninth St. USO.

The tilt was quite close during the first half, the Guards having an eight-point lead at the end of the second period.

FORWARDS HOT
Those flashy forwards, Hegner and Smith, really began to roll in the third stanza, and these boys made the ball zip through the hoop. As usual, Hegner was high-scoring; his "points" arpit rattled! Dazzling defensive tactics also featured the second half, and the Guards were held to a field goal and one free throw in both chukkers.

The Guards sank several nice "push" shots, while the score mounted.

Only seven players wore the PWC colors in this game; Smith, Hegner, Lewis, Jue, Hegner, Mayer, and Bortura. The latter, a new recruit, showed plenty of promise.

MALONEY OUT
The team will be weakened by the loss of Lt. Maloney, defensive ace, who can not be in action for the remainder of the season, due to a leg injury.

A return game was held at Cuscuta last week, where the "Pow" team was crushed, the score 31-9. The match was rough in spots, and a large crowd enjoyed the fireworks.

"The sultan's son is inclined to be a little wild," "Harem" said.

"No, he scares them."

Badminton Team Invited to Meet Atlanta Clubmen

The newly-formed Fort Benning badminton team has already been tendered an invitation to come to Atlanta sometime later in the month for a match with the powerful Atlanta Athletic Club racket-weilders.

In preparation for the event, Sgt. Bill Belgrade (ex-Illinois champ) and Sgt. Ralph Privett (ex-California champ) are busily engaged at the Har-mony Church sports arena these days in rounding out the team.

Any former badminton players, interested in trying out for the Benning team, which will probably number six men, are urged to get in touch with Sgt. Belgrade at the sports arena, where ex-colleagues are available.

TPS OPPOSES TOUGH RIVALS ON GULF TRIP
The Parachute School Troopers will travel to the Gulf Coast region this week-end for a tilt of games against outstanding Army and Navy opposition.

On Saturday night at Biloxi, Miss., the Trooper contingent will take on Keesler Field, while on Sunday afternoon, TPS will oppose Gulfport Navy at Gulfport, some 12 miles from Biloxi.

KEESLER HOT
Little advance dope is available on either of the TPS week-end rivals, but the Keeslers have piled up an excellent record on the court this season.

Judging by their grid performance this fall, where the Air Corps installation defeated the 3rd Infantry and tied the 4th Infantry, Keesler should have a top-notch quintet.

RETURN TILT
Keesler Field will come to Benning later in the month for a return match with the Troopers and also a clash with the 3rd STR Rifles.

Weightlifters Move From Stadium Room To Quarters in Gym
Fort Benning's own weightlifting club which has flourished for over a year, has moved to new quarters in the rear of the reconditioned post gym it was revealed this week by Capt. Daniel C. Herlong, post athletic officer.

The lifters formerly had a room set aside for their use under the north stands of Doughboy Stadium. However, this room proved unsatisfactory, during the winter season, so officials have just completed furnishing a new headquarters for the group in the rear of the gym.

With new and improved facilities available, Capt. Herlong expects to see an increase in the number of men who belong to the informal club.

Atlanta Blues Visit Sports Arena At 8:30

By SGT. WALTER MILLER

The greatest women's basketball show ever staged in this end of Georgia is billed for Saturday night at the Harmony Church Sports Arena when the WACademics cagers of the WAC Detachment One, The Infantry School, collide with the state-champ Sports Arena Blues of Atlanta at 8:30 p.m.

The second meeting between these two highly-touted Georgia teams will give Fort Benning an exciting preview of the South-eastern AAU tournament, which features both sextettes in competition for regional honors in Atlanta on February 18, 19 and 20.

Benning fans will have a rare chance Saturday to see an entire galaxy of nationally-known stars in action, including Rittenberry, Hartness and Castleberry of the Blues and Preston, Fischlin and Sidlauskas of the WACademics.

LOST BEFORE
In their earlier meeting on the Blues' home court in Atlanta last month the Blues bowed by the lopsided score of 27-11, but they were handicapped then by their unfamiliarity as a team with AAU rules and their sore need of experience against teams of Atlanta caliber.

Although they still play straight women's rules when they compete with Columbus clubs, the Blues are more at home now in the AAU setup after several recent collisions with AAU teams. And all this week Capt.-captain Marge Fischlin—women's basketball-American who has led her team to 11 wins in 14 starts—has concentrated on AAU play with "the roving guard" during stiff practice sessions at the Arena.

IMPROVED TEAM
Since their first game with the Blues, the servicewomen have made far better showings against

other Atlanta teams in the Blues' class. They trounced the College Park sextette 24-16 and raced the Bell Bombers into a second overtime-period before bowing 23-20. At that time the Blues had no reserves, due to numerous turn- outs, but this week-end the entire Blues squad will be on hand.

Several Blues all-stars who are drawn from the Bell Bomber lineup will find the Blues a greater threat when they too have a beneficial of reserves.

Last week the WACademics kept their record clean in two departments by spanking the Centennials 39-24 for their seventh straight win over Columbus competition, and walking over the Cochran Field Blues 46-23 for their third straight win over Vols.

PERFECT PASSES
In the Centennial tilt Thursday night at Harmony Church the Blues concentrated on perfecting their pass attack and shifting players from forward to guard, and back again, to maintain the squad's famed versatility. Six Blues found the basket, with Hy-lton sinking 14 points and the remaining tallies well distributed.

Brooks, who usually shines at guard, starred on the offensive against Cochran last Saturday night when she scored 14 points, aided by Preston's superb passing. Sidlauskas, Preston and Fischlin each accounted for four field goals.

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Hematologist Back From SW Pacific

The fury of a mountain stream rising 15 feet in ten minutes in the jungles of a southwest Pacific island is a not-to-be-forgotten memory of Technician Fifth Grade Raymond E. Albosta, of Saginaw, Michigan.

Corporal Albosta, who has been assigned to the Medical Detachment at Fort Benning's ASF Regional Hospital, returned to this country recently after two and a half years in the southwest Pacific as hematologist with the Medical Corps.

His encampment established on a south Pacific island, Cpl. Albosta's unit had built a dam to back up a stream for their water supply. Fresh water poured down from mountainous regions of the island.

Without any forewarning, Cpl. Albosta recalled today, the mountain stream went on a rampage one day after fresh rains had fed the water in the mountain. A great surge of water burst into the valley and smashed the dam in a freak of nature and the medical men had to reestablish their water supply.

Cpl. Albosta was inducted at Camp Custer, Mich., on February 15, 1942, and after taking his basic training in the Medical Corps at Camp Robinson, was transferred to Fort Ord where he joined the Medical Laboratory unit. He went overseas with them in May of that year. After spending eight months in Australia, he went to New Guinea and in October to Lae. He also was at Port Moresby, Ore. Bay and in Dutch New Guinea.

On the South Pacific island the kumal grass was five to five and a half feet tall. Corporal Albosta stated, "and we had to chop the trees which were from 80 to 90 feet tall and of the hardest wood I've ever seen. We had to dig ten to 12 inch trenches for the foundations of our buildings. The engineers then poured the cement and set up portable buildings. We built platforms of logs in order to keep the tents off the ground."

Far From Whites
"We were certainly cut off from white people. The natives live in grass huts. The women, who do all the work, wear sarongs and the men wear breech cloths. Later they started wearing discarded shorts, underwear and shirts which they got from the soldiers. One strange thing was that the girls were always with their mothers and the boys with their fathers."

"The natives have their own

gardens and also have banana plantations and coconut groves. For meat they spear wild pigs, cockatoos and benderoot rats. This rat-like animal carries its young in a pouch like an opossum. They are particularly fond of roast wallaby, a small member of the kangaroo family.

The funniest thing that happened while he was overseas, according to Corporal Albosta, was the reaction of the natives to ice.

"Whenever we moved to a new place, we set up our kerosene refrigerators to keep our blood and pathological specimens and would use the ice cubes for cooling our drinks. The natives watched us and couldn't understand what the ice cubes were. We tried to explain it to them but didn't succeed. Then one of the natives who had seen us put in the water, called the cubes 'hard water', and from that time the cubes were 'hard water' to the natives."

"One boy wanted a couple to take to his 'Mary', as they called their women. We gave them a hand and he took off through the jungle to the native village three miles away. We never did find out whether he got there before they mated."

TIS Graduate Awarded DSC

The Distinguished Service Cross, awarded for extraordinary heroism in combat has recently been presented to Lt. Col. Charlton O. MacNeely, of Columbus, Ga., a former member of The Infantry School, according to a War Department announcement.

Colonel MacNeely attended the Machine Gun and Howitzer Course at the School in February 1930. From 1932 to 1940 he underwent training with the 29th Infantry as an Infantry Reserve Officer. He also took the Battalion Commander and Staff Officer's Course in 1942.

The citation reads: On June 6, 1944, he landed on the beach in the invasion of the coast of France with the first elements of his battalion. Immediately upon reaching the beach from landing craft the battalion was met by heavy enemy automatic weapons and artillery fire from fixed emplacements in the sand dunes and along the seawall. With complete disregard for his own safety, he reconnoitered the beach and ascertained its position. Coordinating the fire of all arms he personally led his battalion through the intense enemy fire and through the minefields. He exposed himself on numerous occasions in directing the successful assault on enemy beach positions. With unceasing energy he then fearlessly led his men through the inundated area under small arms and artillery fire and quickly secured the commanding terrain, thereby contributing materially to the security of the beachhead and the outstanding leadership reflected great credit on himself and was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Armed Forces.

T-Sgt. McKee: "Hey, there KP, quit whistling while you're working."

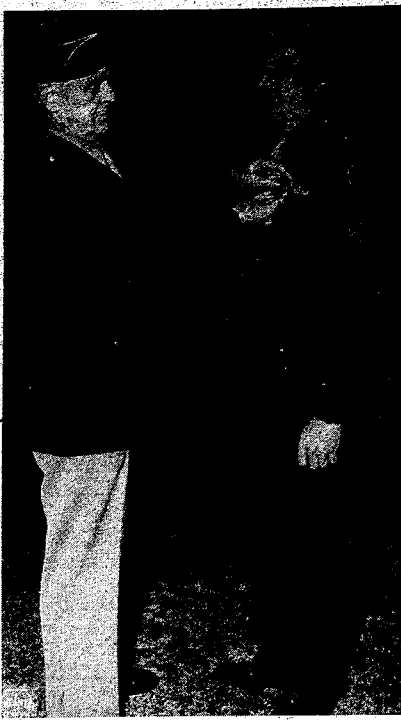
Spl. Van Holt: "I wasn't working."

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GENERAL WALKER DECORATES HIS ORDERLY—
Maj. Gen. Fred L. Walker, Commandant of The Infantry School, is shown as he decorated his own orderly, Sergt. Willis E. Bell with the Bronze Star at a recent formation of Company A, Academic Regiment. Sergeant Bell served as General Walker's orderly in nine months of combat in Italy. (Official U. S. Army Photo—The Infantry School.)

2d Army Revamps Orientation Center

A new and complete new Orientation Center has been opened for duty at Fourth Headquarters, Special Troops, Second Army, replacing the old temporary one.

It will be utilized both for detachment orientation, hours and for instructional periods for orientation personnel from units under Fourth Headquarters. "It is an elaborate affair," said Lieutenant David Schloss, Fourth Headquarters Orientation Officer, "because it was designed for field units, as a model which can be set up under combat zone conditions."

Built on a large composition board, the center contains wings, and with a shelf at the bottom, the center is intended to show how compliance with all the action that follows. A large map of the world, with extended swatches and rising sun emblems showing extent of Axis penetration, is flanked by theater maps of Pacific and European areas. Blow-ups of fighting at various crucial points are arranged around theater maps, with colored pins and labels to show action and units involved. Ribbons connect up these "blow-ups" to the respective counter-parts on theater maps.

News clippings describing the fighting are connected to the areas described with ribbons, and pictures and exhibits of interest are mounted nearby. A large map of the United States, labeled "Where's Your Home?" is displayed, with cards containing names and home towns of all Fourth Headquarters personnel attached to the home towns.

On the shelf below the maps are various phases of the war, and other related material. The entire center is neatly labeled with theater signs designed and painted by Pvt. Robert L. O'Hara of Fourth Headquarters. The center is under the direction of T-2 Edwin Penick, Orientation NCO of Fourth Headquarters, and Lieutenant Schloss.

Green Troops Become Battle Vets in Half Hour

Staff Sergeant Howard R. Vincent, who says his platoon turned green troops to battle-wise veterans in 30 minutes, was decorated with the Combat Infantryman Badge at a special formation of Company C, Academic Regiment, The Infantry School on Thursday evening. Presentation of the award "for exemplary conduct in action against the enemy" was made by Lieutenant John C. Greer, company commander.

"Our men learned more in that first half hour of combat than in all the action that followed," recalls Vincent, who fought at Buna, Gona, Sonananda and Aitape. His unit had just flown "over the hump" of New Guinea—over the Owen Stanley Mountains to the Jap-held jungles beyond—for the first offensive action by American troops in the Pacific.

"That morning our platoon, all combat virgins, was ordered to clear some infiltrated days out of a stinking swamp. We sloshed through the jungle, feet sinking into rotting vegetation, with water over our knees. We kept close together, but it was so dark I

could hardly see the man ahead of me.

"Suddenly a machine gun opened up on us. The man ahead of me dropped, quietly. The enemy gun crew had been perfectly concealed only ten feet in front of us, in the roots of a mangrove tree, a strange tropical tree with spreading branches, and roots that grow into dense thickets.

"We poured plenty of fire into the roots of the tree, and we thought we had 'em silenced. They died fire again and we couldn't hear a sound or see anything move. But when we turned over the man who had dropped, we realized there was more than just a machine gun in the swamp. The man had been shot in the shoulder from above. Only a sniper way up in a tree could have hit him from that angle."

"Then out of the dark stillness the 'silenced' machine gun spoke again. 'The Japs had moved it to one side of the mangrove tree. One of my men clutched at its stomach and fell. Our platoon sergeant decided we'd better pull back and reorganize. The Japs were firing constantly now. As the man ahead of me crawled over a log he got it at a glance in the hip."

"I fell back flat, watching the log disappear as the bullets chewed it up, the chips flying all over me. We tossed a few grenades and then we scrambled over."

CLEAN UP SWAMP
But it was a different platoon that was reorganized, went right back and "cleaned that swamp out, one-two-three," Vincent says. There were no more mistakes. When it was all over, the men reconstructed the situation, figured out what their big blunders had been, and "from then on they were veterans who knew what the score was."

Sergeant Vincent is now assigned to the Infantry Board. An inspector for a steel company in civilian life, he entered the service almost four years ago. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Vincent, reside at 158 Iroquois street, Painesdale, Mich.

ATTEND METHODS INSTITUTE
Two civilian job training supervisors are attending a seven-day Job Methods Training Institute in Atlanta this afternoon. Raymond A. Perkins, chief of civilian personnel, has announced.

The two men, Wiley M. Crittenden and Ralph "Ray" Taylor, will return to Fort Benning next

General Walker Decorates Five More Veterans

Five battle veterans—including his own orderly who served with him in the Southwest Pacific through Rome—were decorated by Maj. Gen. Fred L. Walker, Commandant of The Infantry School, at a special award ceremony of Company A, Academic Regiment held in the regimental canteen Wednesday evening.

Bronze Star Medals were pinned on Sgt. Willis E. Bell for his service as general's orderly in nine months of combat, and Sgt. Charles E. Johnson for his achievement in battle near Castelvenere, Italy.

Combat Infantryman Badges for "exemplary conduct in action against the enemy" were awarded to Cpl. William J. Arnsperger, Cpl. Robert D. Meeker, Pacific theater veterans, and Pfc. Ralph E. Martin, who fought in Italy.

CONSTANT DEVOTION
The citation for Sergeant Bell's medal, read to the formation by Capt. William B. Penndorf, regimental adjutant, described his "constant devotion to duty" while assigned as orderly to the 38th Division Commander, who at that time was General Walker. He performed his duties with such fidelity and industry that his Commander was relieved of any concern over his personal safety. On landing with the invading forces at Salerno "he bravely drove his vehicle across a mine-strewn beach. After the explosion demolished the car he later returned to the beach and subjected to heavy enemy artillery fire, rescued the Division Commander's equipment and delivered it intact. He accompanied the Division Commander throughout the campaign in the operations at San Pietro, Cassino, Velletri and in the advance northward through Rome."

Sergeant Bell, who also wears the Purple Heart Medal, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Bell of 801 East Benton, Carrollton, Mo.

HEROIC ACTION
Sergeant Johnson was cited for his "heroic action and determination" on October 10, 1943 when "as a member of a forward observation party" he described his company, he "directed fire on the enemy, despite heavy mortar and artillery fire, remaining at his post until he was wounded. After the relief had been told the tactical situation," Sergeant Johnson, who is married, lives at 2417 West Grand, Oklahoma City, Okla., had previously been decorated with the Purple Heart.

Award of the Combat Infantryman Badge entitles Corporal Arnsperger and Privates First Class Martin and Meeker to \$10 bonus pay per month.

Arnsperger served as a machine gunner with the American Division during the battle for Gkud-dical. A former resident of Chicago, he now resides with his wife at 2120 12th avenue, Columbus, Ga. Meeker was a communications man in the battle of New Georgia Island, where a bullet wound in the leg also earned him the right to wear the Purple Heart.

A native of Chicago, he now lives with his wife at 1439 19th street, Columbus, Ga. Martin, who fought as a rifleman in the battle of Cassino in Italy, lived in Ames, Ia., before entering the service.

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Tisdall Named QM Commissary Food Sales Officer

First Lieutenant James S. Tisdall has been named as food sales officer for the Quartermaster Commissary at Fort Benning. Lt. Tisdall, who is a member of the American Legion, has been given an overseas assignment.

Returning to active service on September 8, 1942, as a reserve officer, Lt. Tisdall reported to Camp Lee, Va., and was assigned for a year at Fort Monrith, S. C., as a motor transport officer when the M. T. C. was a part of the Quartermaster Corps. He came to Fort Benning on October 1, 1943, and has served as assistant sales officer to Major Cooper since that time.

A graduate of East High school, Columbus, Ohio, Lt. Tisdall attended Ohio State University, majoring in science. Upon his graduation in 1932, he went to work for Montgomery Ward and Company at Chicago, working up to the position of food control manager. While with Wards, Lt. Tisdall traveled to all parts of the country. He visited Columbus, Ga., on one trip.

As sales officer, Lt. Tisdall is in charge of the procurement and issue of all subsistence supplies to all units using field ration and is in charge of the food sales commissary at the post.

Lt. Tisdall and his wife and son, James, Jr., reside at 103 First Division Road.

Succeeding Lt. Tisdall as his assistant sales officer is Lt. Robert Constance, who was sent here recently from Fort Devens, Mass.

TPS Pictorial History to Go On Sale Next Week

A new souvenir booklet containing a pictorial history of The Parachute School will be placed on sale during the second week of February at the Fort Benning Post Exchanges. It was announced this week.

Attractively printed and bound, the new booklet is an historical 64-page brochure containing more than 100 pictures of the training and activities of The Parachute School.

This booklet will sell for \$1.00, half the price of the original edition. It has been edited by The Parachute School Public Relations Office, and contains all pictures including a compilation of excellent jump pictures, all official Army photographs, most of them taken by The Parachute School photographer, Staff Sergeant Harley D. Ferguson.

Paratroopers will find this book a memorable record of their days at The Parachute School and a treasure they will cling to. It is also a valuable souvenir that soldiers and relatives will appreciate having.

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Club Presents Miss Moffett

The Infantry School Women's Club of Fort Benning presented Marjorie Moffett Monday, February 15, at the Main Theater.

Miss Moffett, outstanding exponent of the One-Woman Theater, is making her first coast-to-coast tour of this country.

In her program at Fort Benning Miss Moffett gave her interpretation of several original numbers from her latest book, "Thus Play I in One Person Many People," as well as sketches from an earlier book, "One Woman Show."

The program included: "A Letter from a Chinese Guerrilla Fighter's Wife," "A Movie Star's Life Is Very Triste or Is All This Publicity Necessary?" "A Cheerful Little Earlful," "Introducing Shopsy Topsy," and "Vive La France!"

After intermission Miss Moffett

presented: "An English Lady's Impression of America," "A Debutante or Glamour Girl 238," and "The Children's Struggle."

Music was furnished by the 272d Army Ground Force Band under the direction of Warrant Officer Joseph B. Renn.

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Soldier Saved Valuable Equipment On D-Day

The mechanic who lifelong regard for valuable equipment saved an amphibious vehicle and an antitank gun on D-Day in Italy is now an assistant instructor in the automotive section of The Infantry School. He's Corporal Adam M. Hornberger of D Company, Academic Regiment, who wears the Silver Star for his "gallantry in action" on the Salerno beachhead.

Hornberger landed on Italian soil by jumping out of a truck, one of the Army's two-an-a-half-ton amphibious vehicles. He dug in on the beach with his platoon while the driver ran the truck toward a defile position. But suddenly enemy artillerymen spotted the truck and shells fell closer and closer as the vehicle crossed an open field. Apparently losing his head, the driver hopped out and beat it for cover.

Hornberger knew that his unit had only two trucks for use as prime movers, and that the abandoned vehicle was loaded with 57 mm antitank gun and 50 rounds of precious ammunition. He also knew that heavy artillery, firing from high ground, was due any second to wipe out all this vital equipment and everybody within yards of it. But without hesitation he got up from the beach, dashed across the field, jumped into the truck and drove it toward a deep irrigation ditch. Shells burst so close that he was covered with sand as he finally brought the truck safely to the unloading crew in the defile.

Feeling by now that it was his duty, Hornberger took charge of the vehicle and was assigned to use it as a prime mover for the rest of the day. When word of his

2d Army Men Score on Range

Two outfits in Second Army turned in some first rate shooting performances in range work here at Fort Benning recently.

The 215th Ordnance Battalion recently sent 2 men out to qualify with the cal. 30 submachine gun. Everybody qualified, and six people fired expert, two gunner first class, and one, gunner second class. Leading the shooting was the battalion commander himself, Lieutenant Colonel John A. Supensky, who ran up a score of 86. Pfc. Alvah D. Collins also scored an 86, and T-5 William H. Quisenberry scored an 84.

Qualifying with the cal. 30 carbine, 1st members of the 412th Ordnance Depot Company also turned in a fine record. All 17 of the men shooting qualified and 9 of them, or over 50 per cent were experts. There were 6 sharpshooters, and only 2 marksmen. Leading with scores of 184 were Pvt. Henry C. Haenske, Pvt. Walter C. Ream and Pvt. Ray L. Snyder.

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21 Overweight Wacademics Know Your Red Organize 'Birdseed' Club

Army food has proved entirely too healthful for 21 members of WAC Detachment One, The Infantry School, who have organized a special "Birdseed Club" to study methods of "weight control."

At a solemn "weighing in" ceremony held recently it was discovered that the members had gained on an average of 10 pounds each since their enlistment, with a few actually conceding that they were 30 pounds heavier after a year or two in the service. Each member contributed one dollar to a prize fund to be awarded to the WAC who can report the most effective means of "keeping the weight down." A special table has been set aside for the club in the mess hall so the members don't have to watch the thinner WAC's eat that extra portion of dessert or potatoes with gravy.

"It takes willpower," says Staff Sergeant Marjorie McCarthy, organizer of the club, "because we have the best mess hall in the Army. We're concentrating on a scientific study of calories and a good run around the area every evening."

The club "might increase in size—that is, in membership," the sergeant says, "but there are many holdouts—some women here who have gained weight, like it, and don't want to lose it."

Dry Crusader's Son Attends Father's Rites

Major Clarence Trevitt Johnson, executive officer of the Fort Benning Prisoner of War Camp since its inception in 1943, attended the funeral yesterday at Smithfield, N. Y., of his famous father, William E. (Pussfoot) Johnson, national Prohibition leader, who died last Friday.

Major Johnson left Atlanta Saturday night on the 6 o'clock north-bound plane to arrive on time for the funeral arrangements. Given an emergency leave, Pussfoot's devoted son was given passage aboard an Armed Forces train from Lawson Field to Atlanta, but rain grounded the scheduled flight at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The major was given priority to board the 6 o'clock Atlanta north-bound plane.

Seeing both his son and grandson become majors in the Army in this war heartened the colorful "dry" crusader last November when Major Johnson pinned the oak leaf insignia on "Pussfoot's" grandson's South Pacific medal-bedecked uniform in a ceremony at the post.

Pictures of the ceremony, sent to "Pussfoot" at his New York estate, showed the veteran "dry" leader, who was in ailing health. He took a turn for the worse ten days ago and died Friday afternoon.

The Prohibition leader leaves two sons, Clifford Johnson, an attorney for the Veterans' Administration in Washington, D. C., and Major Johnson, who was mayor of San Bernardino, Cal., before recalled to active service in 1941. Five grandchildren also survive as well as a seven-month-old great-grandson, son of Major Johnson, Jr., who was named William E. Johnson for the great-grandfather.

2 Heroic Dead Get Silver Stars

Two former members of The Infantry School were recently posthumously awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action, according to a War Department announcement. They were:

First Lt. Edward G. Allgood, of Yazoo City, Miss., who was commissioned at the school, December 10, 1942; for On July 15, 1944, in France, while leading his platoon through difficult hedgerow terrain, he encountered heavy enemy machinegun and sniper fire. In this difficult terrain with complete disregard for his own safety, he led a squad in the successful elimination of two of four enemy machinegun nests. While attempting to reach the third machinegun nest he was mortally wounded. His inspirational and aggressive action directly contributed to the successful accomplishment of his company's mission.

First Lt. Adam Michalevich, of 1841 Wilmot Ave., Chicago, Ill., who was commissioned at the school, October 22, 1942; for On May 23, 1944, in Italy, shortly before his rifle platoon was to launch an attack across open terrain against a well-fortified enemy position, he was shot through the left shoulder by enemy rifle fire. Refusing to be evacuated he stationed himself at the head of his men and led the platoon in a determined attack on the enemy positions. His disregard of his painful wound and leadership under heavy fire throughout a day-long fight, inspired his men to move forward to take their objective.

Cpl. "What did you do when you got out of your car last night and started waving home?" Sgt. "I drove slowly along beside her. She didn't want to miss Bob Hope."

4th Svc. Cuts Food Waste By 50 Per Cent

Waste of human-edible food at Army posts in the Southeast has been reduced to near the vanishing point, according to Maj. Martin J. Harding, director of Food Service, Fourth Service Command, who states that in the past year the average edible waste per man per day was lowered from 1.88 ounces in January, 1944 to .93 ounces in December, 1944, representing a 50 per cent reduction, and the GIs themselves, did a lot to bring the figure down.

It happened like this: Campaigns had been pursued with posters screaming, "Take all you want, but eat all you take." These followed the launching of the food service program on July 31, 1943 when the edible food waste was about a pound a man per day. Strict supervision had been instituted over food handling, cooking, baking and serving. Then "food checkers" were posted at the mess hall GI counters each man scraped his plate waste after each meal. If there was too much waste on a plate, the fact was pointed out to the man.

HOW IT WAS DONE: Then, by accident, the food service personnel hit upon a scheme that all but eliminated the waste. Instead of the big GI can into which all food waste from plates was scraped, smaller cans were installed and each labeled with the various food components: "Liquids," "Meats," "Vegetables," "Bread," "Salad" and "Dessert." The men were required to separate the scrapings, putting each into the proper can. The object was to determine which item on the menu caused the most waste. It worked better than that and, because it was just too much trouble for the GIs to scrape the various items of plate waste into the proper can they soon were eating all.

The fact is stressed that the object is not to put down on the amount the men eat, rather they are urged to go back for seconds or thirds if they'll eat all they take.

This food saving doesn't appear to mean to great deal, until the program is viewed on the basis of an entire camp. Imagine a camp of 6,000 men. The savings accomplished in the year past applied to the imaginary camp represents a reduction in wastage of approximately 3,000 pounds of food per day or over a million pounds a year. And this figure, staggering as it may seem, would represent a saving of \$100,000 in one camp.

TPS Expands I&E Program

The orientation program at The Parachute School has recently been enormously extended, in line with the current policy to keep soldiers intimately in contact with the latest war developments. This includes information about our Allies and enemies, the historical and social backgrounds of the war, the role of the soldier in the post-war world. This material is accompanied by appropriate maps, charts, or diagrams, illustrating the salient points of the program. The Center distributes each day a specially prepared news bulletin highlighting the major events of the past 24 hours.

It is the feeling of the Education and Information Center that a soldier who knows why he is fighting is a good soldier; that the soldier who enters the battlefield equipped with the truth is an inspired soldier. The Center does not conceal the fact that its purpose is to disseminate propaganda; but together with the dictionary, it looks upon propaganda as "the propagation of doctrine or principles" and not, as the enemy does, as the dissemination of distorted facts with a definite aim to grind.

By spreading the truth about the war—its causes, developments, and effects—to the soldier, the Center believes it is striking a death blow to the vicious lies spread by the enemy in the hope of undermining our morale. Under the guidance of the Center, each area in The Parachute School now has its own orientation program. Situated in the day room, it comprises large maps of war zones with the fighting areas clearly marked out with ribbons and pins, using magazine articles, pictures, cartoons, which throw additional light upon the war effort; a bulletin of the day's news; and all other information relevant to the global conflict and the home front. By consulting these displays, the soldier can quickly get a bird's-eye view of the progress of the war.

"Well, my boy," said the new minister, to the three-year-old. "What did Santa Claus bring you?" "Aw, I got a little red chair," said the kid, but the d— thing ain't much good. It's got a hole in the bottom of it."

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16 Cockades Get Raise in Grade

Sixteen promotions of enlisted men have been announced in the Cannon Company of the Third Infantry Regiment, Second Army, stationed in the Sand Hill area.

One technical sergeant; two staff sergeants, two technicians fourth grade, six corporals, and three technicians fifth grade have been made. They include the following: To T-Sgt. S-Sgt. Leroy Fredericks. To S-Sgt. T-4 Theodore L. McDonald, Cpl. Charles L. Sanders. To T-4, T-5 Paul H. Adams. T-5 Emil Milvay. To Spl. Pfc. Robert W. Lofton, Robert G. Lester, William F. Lepram, Paul I. Horst, Robert D. Barnum, Angelo G. Trosan. To T-5, Pfc. McClann, Glenn H. Healey, and Gilbert J. Springer.

New Caledonia Vet Sent Here

Technician Fourth Grade Allen D. Goldsborough, Bn. who landed on New Caledonia with the first American troops to arrive there, has been assigned to the Medical Department at Fort Benning, under the Army's rotation plan, after 33 months overseas.

Sergeant Goldsborough was in the station hospital unit with Task Force No. 6814, which later became known as the American Division, Landing on New Caledonia. They set up their 100-bed hospital and were ready to receive the first casualties of the invasion.

The hospital was soon moved due to the need for expansion as casualties from the front continued to pour in. When the rains came, it was necessary once more to move the hospital because the vehicles bearing the wounded became bogged down in the swampy

ground on which it had been built. "Malaria conditions were good," according to Sergeant Goldsborough. "Only two men in my outfit contracted malaria during a twelve month period. This is due to the work of the Seabees and the Army malaria control units. Much more trouble is caused by skin ailments. A large percentage of the men have some kind of skin trouble such as athlete's foot and ringworm."

Sergeant Goldsborough, whose father, Abraham Goldsborough, lives at 318 McKee Place, Pittsburgh, has three brothers in the service, Seaman 2d Class Isadore, Cpl. Edward and C. Sgt. Ralph.

179th Ordnance Bn. Will Publish DB

A Battalion Daily Bulletin, with orders and personal items, will be published each day by the 179th Ordnance Battalion, it was announced by Major Harry G. Luftman, battalion commander. The Bulletin, which will be distributed at 1600 every day except Sunday, will contain official announcements, lists of details, and items of personal interest, including miscellaneous items submitted by battalion officers and enlisted men.

To be published in the Bulletin for the day, items will have to be submitted by 1030. The Bulletin will go to press to 1430 each day.

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Ranger Vet, Now Post MP, Praises Nurses Overseas

Army nurses in evacuation hospitals overseas were highly praised by Sgt. August Passera, a military policeman now at Fort Benning and one of the hardy soldiers who battled with the famous First Ranger Division in North Africa and Italy.

Sergeant Passera, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rocco Passera, 422 First street, Brooklyn, N. Y., wears a Purple Heart, Distinguished Unit Badge with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater ribbon with three bronze stars and the Good Conduct ribbon.

"They are a bunch of 'princesses,' Sergeant Passera declared, referring to Army nurses. 'They waded through eight inches of mud, slept in wall tents and stood in line for chow just like the dog-faces did. All the men think they're out of this world. You can imagine the 12,000 men who are low who is wounded, comes in filthy dirty, covered with mud, and sees an American nurse ready to take care of him. They give everything in their power for us. GRATEFUL LOOKS

"If the nurses back home could only see the look on a soldier's face when he is brought in and sees an American nurse, this drive for nurses now going on wouldn't even be necessary."

After induction on January 19, 1941, Sergeant Passera took his Infantry basic training at Camp Croft, S. C. and then joined the 45th Division at Fort Devens, Mass., where he was one of 50 men in the Division to volunteer for the Rangers.

Landing in Africa in January, 1942, he was flown 850 miles to the front where his battalion participated in the raid on El Guettar. Although the 12,000 men who were killed and large numbers of the enemy, only one Ranger was wounded. Sergeant Passera attributed this to the training they received and to the excellent team work of the men. "Each man knew just exactly what he was to do and did it," he stated.

"El Guettar was a pass with a highway running through it," he continued. "The Germans and Italians controlled it with anti-tank guns, mine fields and machine guns. Our armor had tried for about a week to break through, but they called on the Rangers for a try.

MISSION BRIEFED

"Each man was told just how the mission was to be accomplished down to the last detail, even to where each machine gun was to be placed. Our patrol had observed all day, recording everything that happened such as when the guard was changed, how many there were, and reporting every movement made by the Germans and Italians.

"That night we walked for seven hours and came up behind them. At dawn we were in position, ready to strike as the Nazis came out of their pup tents for reveille. We were given the order to fire. You should have seen the confusion. They got organized later, and when they did, they waved the white flag. It was just two hours from the time of the attack to the time the pass was cleared."

The Battalion received a Distinguished Unit Citation for their work at El Guettar.

"Our mission completed, we went back to the front lines as Infantry troops. Our next stop was Tunisia where we had three days rest before we started training for the invasion of Sicily.

"We were first to land. The Italians caught us (the Rangers) one mile off-shore with their searchlights. A destroyer laying off-shore knocked them out in less than a minute.

SNIPERS PLENTIFUL

"In order to knock out the six 8-inch guns with which the Italian garrison at Gela was commanding the harbor, enabling them to shell our troops and supply ships coming in, we had to go up a road about 1,000 yards to reach the town and then had to get through the town which was full of snipers. We knocked out three pillboxes with hand grenades. We got to within 50 yards of the guns, and they were still firing. We got the order to go in and get them, so we did, shooting from our hips. It was all over in about five minutes.

"While we were knocking out the guns, other Rangers went down the street after snipers; others cleared out the buildings; and some jumped from roof to roof to get behind the pillboxes which were set up in the streets.

"We blew up three guns and



saved three for ourselves. The next day we turned them around and used them on the enemy. We did have a man charged up, though, so we could blow them up in case we would have to retreat.

4 TANKS DESTROYED

Four enemy tanks broke through and started down the street. The Rangers threw grenades at them, but that didn't do any good, so they finally were knocked out by bazookas. By that time an Infantry Division landed and mopped up."

The Battalion received a Distinguished Unit Citation Oak Leaf Cluster for their work at Salerno where they landed on the left flank. Their objective was to move in ten miles to take a pass commanding the coastal road leading from Naples to Salerno.

"As long as this pass was in the hands of the Germans," Sergeant Passera said, "they could bring reinforcements up the pass. We followed the road and everything went all right until a recon tank came around a corner. They never got around that corner. Our bazookas got it."

"About dawn we took our positions. As dawn broke, we looked down into the valley and saw it was full of tanks and trucks loaded with troops and supplies. We had no artillery—only some 4.2 mortars, but we had a heavy division a couple of hours before the Germans found out our position. Although we were told to hold the pass for only 24 hours, we were there 14 days under constant shelling. More than once we were short of ammunition and chow, but no one felt like eating anyway.

5TH ARMY ARRIVES

"After 14 days the 5th Army broke through below and relieved us. We rested four or five days and then went up on the line until we took Naples.

"After a ten day rest in Naples, we relieved part of the 45th Division at Venafro. We had to climb a mountain 3,300 feet high. I was put in charge of a machine gun squad, but only two of us got to the top. I was carrying the gun, my buddy the tripod."

On the third day Sergeant Passera and spent 42 days in hospitals. When he returned to the unit, they were training for the invasion of Anzio. Again they were the first to land.

After the landings Sergeant Passera returned to the U. S. Following a 21 day furlough he was sent to Camp Butler, N. C., and then assigned to the MP Detachment at Fort Benning.

Somebody asked Lt. Elmer Groth of the Personal Affairs Office, Atlanta Army Air Base, if there was any truth to the rumor that he had carried a mule during the last war. "Carried a mule," Lieutenant Groth replied indignantly. "My dear young man, I not only carried that mule, but I led the animal by the halter for two hundred and sixty-five miles along the Mexican border during maneuvers. Every morning I packed him up, led him where we were going that day and unloaded the stuff at night. And when maneuvers were over, for such an accomplishment I was promoted to Pfc."

The little dog walked by the tree. Said the bird: "Have one on me!" The dog barked: "Kill Mickey Mouse." Said: "No thanks, just had one on the house."

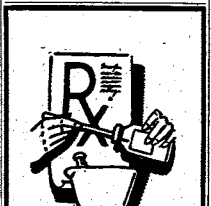
DSC Awarded 5 TIS Grads

Five former members of The Infantry School have recently been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for extraordinary heroism in combat, according to a War Department announcement. They are:

First Lieutenant Cyril R. Murphy, Jr., of Hanover, Pa., who was commissioned at the School May 6, 1942; for On May 24, 1944, in Italy, he was commanding a rifle company in an advance along an open field without cover or concealment, against a strongly entrenched enemy which was emplaced along a deep ditch 800 yards to the front. As the attack progressed, heavy enemy artillery and small arms fire caused a large number of casualties, and all officers of the company except him were killed or wounded. Moving through this intense fire, he maintained full control of his troops, encouraging them to advance toward the objective. As the depleted company reached a line 200 yards short of the enemy position, he was severely wounded by small arms fire. Despite his painful wounds, he regrouped his elements for the final assault and led the company in a vicious charge on the strongly defended enemy position. His inspiring example was instrumental in the annihilation of the enemy force and the success of the company's mission. Not until assured that the newly won objective was consolidated did he permit himself to be evacuated.

First Lieutenant Robert T. Helin, of Muskogee, Okla., who was commissioned at the School, November 24, 1942; for On June 9, 1944, in Italy, he led a patrol into enemy territory to ascertain the German main line of resistance. Caught in the cross-fire of four machineguns and endangered by enemy hand grenades, the patrol took cover, and he ordered a withdrawal for reorganization. While waiting for his men to withdraw safely, he was subjected to intense enemy fire and forced to take cover. Believing that their leader had become a casualty, the patrol returned to friendly lines; however, he refused to be evacuated. He flanked machinegun positions and moved cautiously to a point within 400 yards of Salerno. He observed enemy positions and dispositions of troops, he made his way through the hostile final protective line, dodging gun emplacements and crawling forward under machinegun fire. During his perilous return journey he encountered an enemy group which he attacked with hand grenades. Through his courage and determination to accomplish his mission, he furnished his organization with valuable information.

First Lieutenant Theodore W. Newcomb, Jr., of Cambridge, Mass., who was commissioned at the School, June 13, 1942, and later took the Officer's Motor Maintenance Course during early 1943; for On May 12, 1944, in Italy, while advancing in an attack, his company became pinned down by enemy fire. He was wounded severely in both arms by machinegun fire but in spite of his wounds he rushed an enemy pillbox and singlehandedly knocked a machinegun out of action. During this engagement he received several



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TPS Over Top In Polio Drive

The Parachute School March of Dimes campaign under the direction of Lieutenant Colonel Bruce W. Bell, welfare and recreation officer, went over the top this week with a grand total of \$4,040. Setting a goal of \$4,000 at the start of the campaign, every resource for collecting funds was used to meet the total amount desired.

Slotted cans and jars were placed in orderly rooms, day rooms and in Headquarters buildings for the convenience of those who wished to give. Receipts were also placed on the paymaster's tables on pay day.

The Parachute School basketball team journeyed to Culbert, Ga., to play Turner Field to swell the March of Dimes total.

The Parachute School's road show, "Musical Cocktails," sponsored by the Welfare and Recreation Office, appeared at Theater No. 3 and in Columbus at the Royal and Bradley theaters to raise additional funds for the drive.

The combined efforts of the organizations and individuals in the Parachute School enabled the campaign to meet its goal with forty dollars additional and to eclipse last year's contribution of \$300.

"Now what is it they call a man with two wives?" Corporal Henry Powers of Co. C, 578th Bn, Drew Field, wanted to know.

"A bigamist," replied Pvt. Richard Behling.

"Wonder what that would make a man with four or five wives?" Powers wanted to get this thing straight.

Smarty Behling flashed back, "A PIG-amist."

Now, son," said the father, "tell me why I punished you."

"That's it," said the little boy. "First you pound hell out of me and then you ask me why you did it."

42 3d Infantry Men Promoted

Promotions for 42 enlisted men in the Third Infantry Regiment, Second Army unit stationed in Sand Hill, were announced today by First Lieutenant George E. Norman, Jr., regimental adjutant.

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drive among the units were the personnel of the 89th Signal Operations Battalion. That unit contributed a total of \$404.03 alone, more than half the entire total. Company A of that unit led with \$177.74, followed by Company B's total of \$162.80, and Hq. and Hq. Detachment's \$88.69. However, the Hq. and Hq. Detachment figure represented an average of \$1.46 per assigned man.

The 179th Ordnance Battalion contributed \$140.74 to the drive, and the 215th Ordnance Battalion followed with a \$139.55 figure.

"The drive was a great success, and results were very gratifying," Lieutenant Propp stated. "Considering the small number of troops we had at the time of the drive, the total sum received was quite high."

Wounded near St. Lo, S-Sgt. Rufus Lloyd (or Orlando, Fla.), crawled painfully into a foxhole to escape the cross fire between his own troops and the Germans. A wounded Nazi started toward the same foxhole, but just as Heinie got there he was hit by Yankee gunfire and fell in the foxhole right on top of Lloyd. Lloyd, recuperating at Northampton General Hospital, relates, "There wasn't anything I could do but lie there. My leg and hip were hurting pretty badly, and I didn't have the strength to move the wounded Nazi. He died in a few minutes. I had to be careful about showing myself or making a noise for our men might mistake it for a Nazi trick. My first yell did bring a burst of machine gun bullets, but finally my buddies came over to the foxhole, dragged the dead Nazi off and summed medical aid."

Wounded six times in combat during this war, S-Sgt. Charles L. Craven now, with D. Company, 28th Bn., Camp Croft, is still rugged. The Sergeant was with the 45th Division which saw action beginning in Africa and on up through Italy. His first wound was during the battle of Salerno. His sixth and most serious injury came when three German tanks crushed a stone house in which he and three others had set up a defense position. Craven was the only survivor—but that time he was hospitalized and returned to this country. A native of Konawa, Oklahoma, he wears the Purple Heart, the Combat Infantryman's badge, Bronze Star, Good Conduct, Pre-Pearl Harbor and European theater ribbons.

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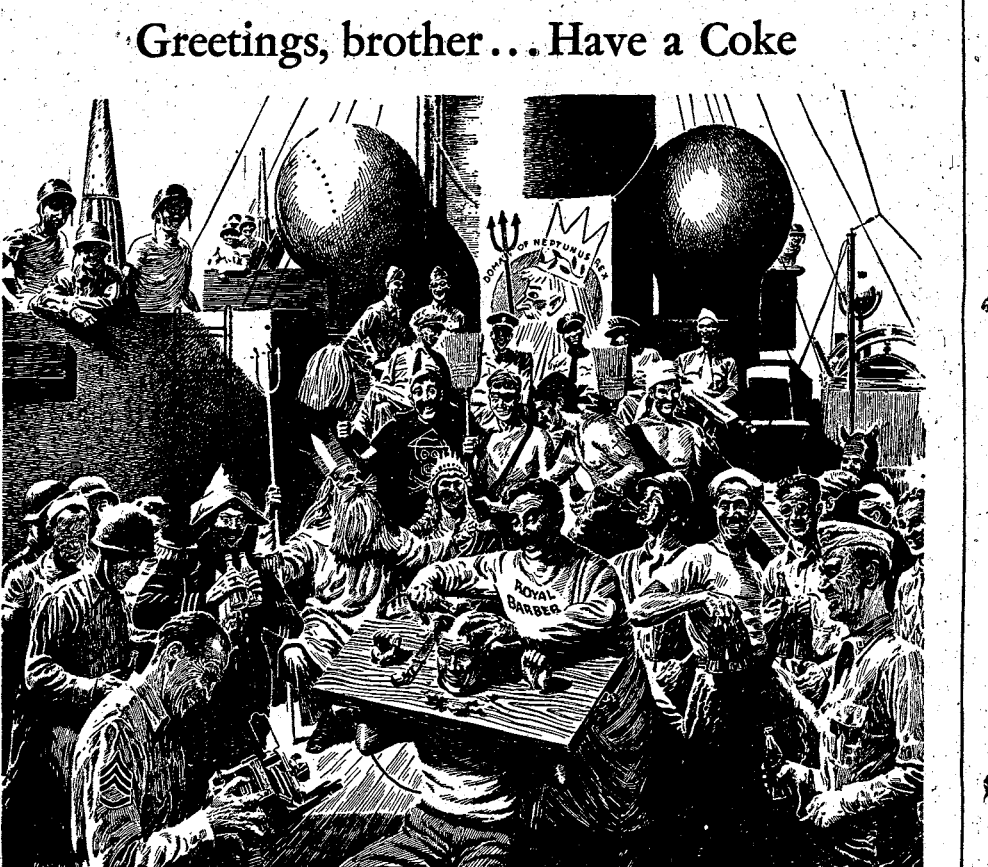
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